

## **Pevensey & Westham Parish Boundaries**

### **The review**

Wealden District Council is currently undertaking a Community Governance Review which seeks to investigate issues raised by Wealden's parish councils and parishioners regarding parish boundaries and electoral arrangements.

### **The proposal**

As part of this review, Pevensey Parish Council has requested that Wealden District Council consider two amendments to the boundary between the Pevensey and Westham parishes. The affected areas are

#### **Proposal A (coloured blue on the map)**

To continue the boundary westwards along Langney Sewer to the Eastbourne boundary which would be the western end of the Castle View Caravan Park field. The boundary would then follow the Eastbourne boundary to the beach on the road beside the golf course and Bay View Camp Site. This proposal would affect properties within the following roads in the Westham Parish:

- Eastbourne Road
- Grey Tower Road
- Old Martello Road

- a total of 33 properties and 38 electors.

Pevensey Parish Council's reason for proposing this amendment is because they consider this area is remote from the Westham settlement and that it forms part of the entrance to Pevensey Bay village.

#### **Proposal B**

To include the land on the north side of the railway line (Anderida Park) to border with the Valentine paddock and St Mary's Church. The border could then run alongside the railway line (Area B1, coloured green on map). Alternatively the border could continue down a path to the existing border (Area B2, coloured yellow on map).

Pevensey Parish Council's reason for proposing this amendment is because Anderida Park is owned by Pevensey Parish Council and they consider it would be sensible for it to be included in the Parish.

Westham Parish Council has stated that it is strongly opposed to all of the proposals and considers that the areas are historically part of the Parish of Westham as they were the ecclesiastical boundaries.

A map showing the areas under consideration is attached.

### **The numbers**

Pevensey Parish's electorate currently stands at 2,667 electors; Westham's stands at 4,689.

## **The Cost**

It is difficult to estimate what the cost of any change may be, but there will be a cost which will fall to the Parish Councils, for example, there may be conveyancing costs should land be transferred.

## **Your views**

Wealden District Council would like to hear parishioners' views on these proposals. Copies If you would like to register your view, please write to Electoral Services, Wealden District Council, Pine Grove, Crowborough, TN6 1DH, or you can email us at [elections@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:elections@wealden.gov.uk). If you wish, you can submit your views on a consultation questionnaire - copies are available from the Wealden Electoral Services Office (01892 602417) or from the Parish Clerks (Westham – Alison Coode 01323 461299; Pevensey - Malcolm Lawson, 01323 483255). You can also take part in the online consultation at [http://www.wealden.gov.uk/council/Electoral\\_services/Boundaries/ParishBoundaryElectoralReview.aspx](http://www.wealden.gov.uk/council/Electoral_services/Boundaries/ParishBoundaryElectoralReview.aspx)

If you would like further information about the review, you can phone the Electoral Services Office on 01892 602417.

Please let us have your views by **31 January 2010**.

## **What happens then?**

The results of the consultation will be reported to the Council's Regulatory and Audit Committee on 10 March 2010. It is anticipated that the Committee will make a decision at that meeting. The outcome will be reported in the Parish Newsletter and on the Wealden District Council web site - [www.wealden.gov.uk](http://www.wealden.gov.uk)

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