



This Agenda was updated on 16.7.14 to include Appendix 2, which was circulated under separate cover, as outlined at Item 5.

08 July 2014

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## **ELECTORAL REVIEW SUB COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Electoral Review Sub-Committee will be held in Committee Room 1 at the Arun Civic Centre, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton on **Thursday, 24 July 2014 at 6.00 pm** and you are requested to attend.

Members: Councillors Gammon (Chairman), L Brown [Vice-Chairman], Bower, Brooks, Mrs Brown, Dendle, Northeast and Oppler.

## **A G E N D A**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers are reminded to make any declaration of personal and/or prejudicial/pecuniary interests that they may have in relation to items on this agenda.

You should declare your interest by stating:

- a) the item you have the interest in
- b) whether it is a personal interest and the nature of the interest
- c) whether it is also a prejudicial/pecuniary interest

You then need to re-declare your prejudicial/pecuniary interest at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent.

3. \*MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2014 (as attached).

4. ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. \*COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

This report outlines the outcomes of the consultation on the Community Governance Review and includes Appendix 1. Appendix 2 will be circulated separately to this report. It will outline the results and the responses to the consultation.

(Note: \*Indicates report is attached for all Members of the Council and the press (excluding exempt items). Copies of reports can be obtained on request from the Committee Manager or can be viewed on the Council's web site by visiting **[www.arun.gov.uk](http://www.arun.gov.uk)**).

(Note: Members are also reminded that if they have any detailed questions, would they please inform the Chairman and/or relevant Lead Officer in advance of the meeting in order that the appropriate Officer/ Cabinet Member can attend the meeting.)

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ELECTORAL REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

20 March 2014 at 6.00 pm

Present:- Councillors Gammon (Chairman), L Brown (Vice-Chairman), Bower, Brooks, Dendle and Squires (Substituting for Cllr Northeast)

[Note: Councillor Dendle was absent from the meeting during minute 23]

Councillors English, Haymes and Mrs Oakley were also present for all or part of the meeting.

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors, Mrs Brown, Oppler & Northeast.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

21. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2013 were approved by the Sub-Committee as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

22. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – PRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF FELPHAM, FORD, MIDDLETON-ON-SEA AND YAPTON PARISH COUNCILS

The Chairman introduced the item on the Community Governance Review by welcoming the representatives from the Parish Councils of Felpham, Middleton-on-Sea and Yapton who had attended the meeting to present/defend proposals for change to the parish boundaries as part of the Community Governance Review process.

The Head of Policy & Partnerships stated that, at this stage of the review, the Committee would gather evidence and listen to the proposals put forward by the Parish Councils. It was explained that this meeting would provide the opportunity for the Committee to question representatives from all the Parishes affected by the proposals. It was emphasised that, as part of the review process, Arun District Council would consult with the public and other interested parties for their views on suggested boundary changes and a final decision on the review would not be made until the Full Council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**Proposal A – Proposal from Yapton Parish Council affecting Middleton-on-Sea Parish Council**

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The Council had received a parish boundary change proposal from Yapton Parish Council that would affect the parish of Middleton-on-Sea. The Clerk to Yapton Parish Council stated that Yapton was seeking to have the parish boundary with Middleton-on-Sea amended. This would mean that in the future residents in the Flansham hamlet would have access to Yapton without passing through Middleton-on-Sea Parish. This would realign the Parish Boundary so that it was coterminous with the A259 Bognor Regis to Littlehampton Road eastwards as far as the northern junction with Yapton Road (known as Comet Corner).

The reasons for Yapton Parish Council's Boundary change proposal was outlined as follows:

- At its meeting on 12 March 2012 Yapton Parish Council received a petition signed by the residents of Hoe Lane. This petition called on the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to return the hamlet of Flansham ward to Yapton for District Council electoral purposes. 15 letters and e-mails were also received by the Council from individual residents in support of the proposal. It was stated that Flansham Residents' Association supported Yapton Parish Council's suggested boundary change.
- In changing the parish boundary with Middleton-on-Sea the "people's choice" would be reflected in line with Government guidance as residents of Hoe Lane had strongly expressed their wish to remain within the Yapton Parish boundary and represented by the District Councillors for the Yapton ward and the County Councillor for Middleton (includes Yapton division).

Middleton-on-Sea Parish Council responded to Yapton Parish Council's proposal as follows:

- Middleton-on-Sea Parish Council looked at this proposal on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and unanimously agreed that the land should be retained within the Middleton Parish boundary.
- Middleton-on-Sea Parish Council stated that they wished to maintain the boundary in the current position as the proposed change had the potential to affect many persons if control over the area was not retained.
- Reasons for wanting no change to the existing boundary were outlined as:
  1. At the north east corner and adjacent to the Rye bank Rife, a capped off oil well could be subject to fracking and the Parish felt it was important to have a voice and control over the land for this reason.
  2. The Comet Corner Road improvements would be an issue. As all proposals fall within the Parish boundary the residents of Middleton should have a say concerning any future proposals.

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3. The issue of flooding where, on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012, upwards of 60 dwellings within the Parish flooded should be considered. 90% of Middleton's surface water goes North from the sea and ends up in the Rye bank Rife at the current Parish boundary. Middleton-on-Sea Parish Council considered the maintenance of this water way, often discussed at Parish Council meetings, of great significance to Middleton. It was reported as vital to Middleton-on-Sea, to retain this waterway within the Parish.

Members of the Committee then put questions to both Middleton-on-Sea and Yapton Parish Councils. Following discussion representatives of the Parish Councils and the Committee agreed that Parish boundaries on rural land normally follow easily identifiable routes along road, railway or rivers. It was noted that the boundary, in this case, would not affect Council Tax on residential properties. However, Members of the Committee were keen to know what the rateable value was of plots of land in the area and requested information on the position of any ecclesiastical boundaries. It was agreed that the Head of Policy & Partnerships would investigate this and provide an answer at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Head of Democratic Services asked the representatives of Yapton Parish Council whether their Council had undertaken public consultation, prior to their proposed change to the Parish boundary. It was confirmed that no public consultation had taken place prior to the proposed change. The Clerk to the Parish Council of Yapton emphasised that residents of Hoe Lane had presented a petition in support of Yapton Parish Council's proposal.

**Proposal B – Proposal from Yapton Parish Council affecting Ford Parish Council.**

The Committee then received a parish boundary change proposal from Yapton Parish Council that would affect the Parish of Ford. The Clerk to Yapton Parish Council put forward their request to extend the Yapton Parish Boundary with Ford Parish eastwards incorporating the prospective housing development off Goodhew Close.

Reasons for Yapton Parish Council's proposed boundary change was outlined as follows:

- The Committee was informed that this proposal recognised that the only access to and from the new housing development would be via Goodhew Close in the parish of Yapton and it was felt that it would be less confusing for new residents moving into the new houses if the whole development was in the parish of Yapton instead of being split between two parishes.
- Yapton Parish Council referred to Government guidance that suggests as communities expand, with new housing developments, this could lead to existing parish boundaries becoming unnatural and when this

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occurs a review of parish boundaries provided an opportunity to remove anomalous boundaries as in this instance.

The Chairman informed the Committee that Ford Parish Council had given their apologies for this meeting but had submitted an e-mail in response to Yapton Parish Council's proposal. The Chairman read the e-mail to the committee as follows:

- At the meeting of Ford Parish Council on 18 March 2014 the Community Governance Review was discussed. The Council reviewed the proposal to move the Parish boundary which splits the new "Gleeson" development situated behind Goodhew Close in Yapton. The Council felt that to have the majority of a new development in Yapton and a few houses of the same development falling into the Parish of Ford would be confusing for all. The Council said that it was common sense to have the boundary moved to incorporate the whole of the new development into the Parish of Yapton. Ford Parish Council voted unanimously to support the boundary move.

The Committee noted that both Yapton Parish Council and Ford Parish Council were in agreement with the proposed boundary change.

**Proposal C – Proposal from Felpham Parish Council affecting Yapton Parish Council.**

The Vice-Chairman of Felpham Parish Council put forward suggestion that the parish boundary with Yapton Parish Council should be realigned with the boundary used for District and County Election purposes.

The reasons for Felpham Parish Council's Boundary change proposal was outlined as follows:

- Properties to the East of the new bypass (in the hamlet of Flansham) were for District and Ward purposes part of Felpham East but for parish purposes were part of Yapton Parish. It was stated that the properties were separated from the main part of Yapton by open farmland with no direct access to Yapton village. Residents were more likely to use the facilities, such as shops, businesses and health services in Felpham rather than Yapton.
- It was pointed out that all the properties in Hoe Lane have a PO22 postcode [Bognor] rather than the Yapton postcode of BN18.
- It was felt that, by moving the Felpham East Ward boundary to the East to align with the Ryebank Rife from the Lidsey Rife until part of it turns Southerly to the A259 (opposite Worms Lane) the properties affected by the proposals would be better placed within the Felpham parish.
- An 1875 map of the area showed that the boundary being requested was in place at this time.
- It was felt that residents of Hoe Lane would be better served by Felpham Parish Council rather than Yapton Parish Council.

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Yapton Parish Council responded to Felpham Parish Council's boundary change proposal as follows:

- The Committee was informed that Yapton Parish Council did not agree with their proposal stating that Flansham Residents Association did not support Felpham Parish Council's recommendations and the association had written to Felpham Parish Council requesting that they withdraw their submission to the Community Governance Review.
- Until the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's review in 2002 the hamlet of Flansham (Hoe Lane) had always been warded as part of Yapton for District and County Council electoral purposes. After the 2002 review there was an anomaly where the residents that live in Hoe Lane vote for their ward representative on Yapton Parish Council but for the District and County elections must vote for candidates that represent the Felpham ward.
- The residents of Hoe Lane felt strongly that they have a closer identity with the rural village of Yapton with its agricultural outskirts rather than the more urban environment of Felpham. This had been evidenced with a petition and received letters.
- For planning purposes, including the Neighbourhood Plan, residents of Hoe Lane felt a closer association with rural Yapton rather than the Felpham conurbation.

In discussing the proposed boundary change Members of the Committee questioned both Felpham and Yapton Parish Councils. A map of the area was viewed and it was noted that the proposed boundary change covered a large area and affected more than the region affecting the residents of Flansham. It was noted that a number of parish boundaries were no longer coterminous with District and County boundaries across the area, Littlehampton was used as an example. It was pointed out that this Community Governance Review would consider Parish Boundaries and not District and County ward boundaries.

The Head of Democratic Services asked the representatives of Felpham Parish Council whether their Council had undertaken public consultation, prior to their proposed change to the Parish boundary. It was confirmed that no public consultation had taken place prior to the proposed change.

The Chairman thanked the Parish Council for their proposals and views on the proposed changes. It was noted that Arun District Council would, as part of the next stage of the review, hold a period of consultation seeking the views of residents and other interested parties. The outcomes of this consultation would be reported to the Electoral Review Sub-Committee Meeting on 24 July 2014.

## **23. ELECTORAL REGISTRATION – REVIEW OF ANNUAL CANVASS**

The Head of Democratic Services provided the Committee with an update on Electoral Registration and an initial review of the key outcomes of the Annual Canvass.

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It was noted that the 2013/14 canvass had now been completed and the Register of Electors was published on 17 February 2014 to meet the statutory timetable.

Members were reminded that the Council had approved additional funding for this canvass of £20,000 to enable targeted work to increase the response rates ahead of the introduction of individual electoral registration (IER) later this year. It was reported that this work had been successful with a final response rate of 89.5%, a 7% increase on 2012/13. The Committee was informed that both the Head of Democratic Services and the Chief Executive were proud of the team for all their efforts in achieving this result, especially as the original aim had been a 2.5% increase which was clearly exceeded.

Members were informed that in preparation for the introduction of IER the Cabinet Office would allocate funding to Electoral Registration Officers to ensure that the burden of this major change would be met by Government and not the local authority. In addition, it was noted, that for 2014/15 local authorities would receive an extra Cabinet Office grant for the purpose of maximising registration. It was noted that the Council's Electoral Services team would use this funding to target underrepresented groups, non-responding properties and individual electors to see if the registration rate could be further increased.

Following questions from the Committee which were responded to by the Head of Democratic Services it was confirmed that a Members Briefing would be arranged during May when key highlights from the canvass and the outcome of maximising registration work could be presented. It was noted that the briefing would also explain the changes to IER ahead of the implementation date of 10 June 2014.

The Chairman thanked the Head of Democratic Services for the informative update and closed the meeting.

(The meeting concluded at 19.05pm)



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## Information Paper

Subject : Community Governance Review – Consultation Outcomes

Report by : Paul Askew – Head of Policy and Partnerships  
Phil Freaan - Policy and Research Officer

Report date : July 10<sup>th</sup> 2014

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the outcomes of the consultation on the Community Governance Review.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Council is currently undertaking three Community Governance Reviews. They are:

- Request by Yapton Parish Council to align the Southern boundary of their parish with Middleton-on-Sea to the line of the A259.
- Request by Yapton Parish Council to move their boundary with Ford Parish Council eastwards to encompass the new housing development which is due to be built off Goodhew Close.
- Request by Felpham Parish Council to align their parish boundary with Yapton in line with the District and County electoral boundaries.

1.2 A key part of the review is to consult on the proposals with the community and interested parties. This consultation has taken place over the period 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014 to the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014.

2.0 METHODS OF CONSULTATION

2.1 The following people and organisations were directly asked for their views:

<b>WSCC Members</b>		
Graham Jones	Felpham Division	
Joan Phillips	Middleton Division	(inc Yapton and Ford)
<b>WSCC Officers</b>		
Charles Gauntlet	WSCC Principal Democratic Services Officer	
<b>ADC Members</b>		
Stephen Haymes	Yapton	
Angus McIntyre	Yapton	
Barbara Oakley	Middleton-on-Sea	
Paul Wotherspoon	Middleton-on-Sea	
Paul English	Felpham East	
John Holman	Felpham East	
Gill Madeley	Felpham West	
Elaine Stainton	Felpham West	
<b>Parish Clerks</b>		
D H Tansley	Parish Clerk	Yapton Parish Council
Lisa Wilcock	Parish Clerk	Ford Parish Council
D Allsopp	Parish Clerk	Middleton-on-Sea Parish Council
Richard Wickens	Parish Clerk	Felpham Parish Council
<b>Flansham (Hoe Lane) Residents</b>		Approx 55 households (hand deliver)

- 2.2 A web page was created on the Arun website outlining the reviews and inviting comments and an article was included in Yapton Parish council's magazine.
- 2.3 Each of the people / organisations named above were sent the appropriate Proforma regarding the reviews. These proformas are shown as Appendix 1.
- 2.4 Appendix 2 will be circulated separately to this report. It will outline the results and the responses to the consultation.
- 3.0 NEXT STEPS
- 3.1 At the next meeting of the sub-committee, Members will receive a report outlining all parts of the Community Governance Review. The conclusions to that report will give Members a range of options on what recommendations they can make to Full Council.

3.2 Full Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 will then take the final decision on the outcome of the three reviews.

**Background Papers:** Previous reports to this sub-committee

**Contact:** Paul Askew – Head of Policy and Partnerships exn 37515

4. Please provide you postcode below (Failure to provide your postcode will result in your response being disregarded)

Our aim is to involve as many people as possible in local decision making. As such we would like to ask you a few questions about yourself. Your answers will be confidential and will only be used for this consultation. These questions are optional.

5. What is your gender?

- Male  Female

6. What is your age?

 years old

7. Do you consider yourself to be disabled? (This may include any long-standing illness, disability, or infirmity which has a substantial effect on your day to day life)

- Yes  No

8. What is your ethnic group?

- White  Asian  
 Mixed  Black  
 Other, please state

9. What is your religion or belief?

- Christian  Muslim  
 Hindu  Sikh  
 Jewish  Buddhist  
 No religion  Other, please state

Return to: The Policy & Partnerships Team,  
Arun District Council, FREEPOST BR7328, Littlehampton,  
West Sussex BN17 5BR to reach us by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014.



## Community Governance Review for Flansham (Hoe Lane)

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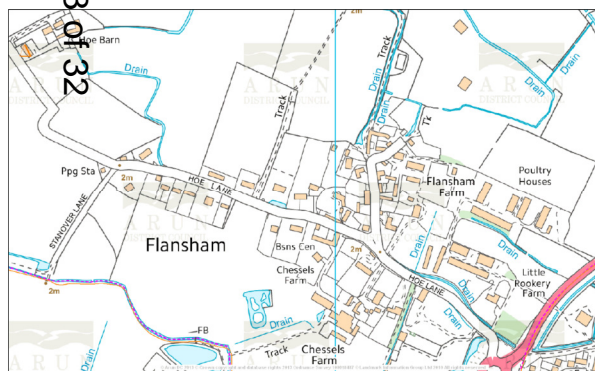
**What is a community governance review?**

A community governance review provides the opportunity for Arun District Council to review and make changes to community governance<sup>1</sup> within their areas. It can be helpful to undertake community governance reviews in circumstances such as where there have been changes in population, or in reaction to specific or local new issues.

A community governance review offers an opportunity to put in place strong, clearly defined boundaries, tied to firm ground features, and remove anomalous parish boundaries. **Please note: a community governance review deals only with parishes, not with district wards or county divisions.**

**The current situation**

The settlement of Flansham (Hoe Lane) comprises approximately 55 dwellings (see map below).



Map of Flansham (Hoe Lane)

Until 2002 the settlement was part of Yapton for Parish, District and County elections. It is currently in the Parish of Yapton but in the Ward of Felpham East for District elections and the Division of Felpham for County elections.

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**The alternative proposals**

Felpham Parish Council proposes, to avoid confusion and to ensure uniformity across all the electoral boundaries (i.e. Parish, District and County), that the Parish boundary be the same as those for District and County Council elections, hence that Flansham (Hoe Lane) should become part of Felpham Parish.

Yapton Parish Council proposes that Flansham (Hoe Lane) should remain part of Yapton Parish (their long term aim is that the Flansham area should become part of Yapton ward and division).

The last electoral boundary review was carried out by the Local Government Commission in 2012/13, when Yapton Parish Council made representations to the Boundary Commission for the Flansham (Hoe Lane) area to be placed in the Yapton ward for District and County Council election purposes. The Commission turned down this request stating that *'the settlement of Flansham is not directly linked to the remainder of Yapton Parish. Instead, residents must travel through neighbouring Middleton-on-Sea parish in order to reach the village of Yapton.'* The report continued: *'Yapton Parish Council also stated that it was seeking to have the parish boundary of Middleton-on-Sea parish amended, so that in future Flansham would have access to the remainder of Yapton parish. Were this to be the case, the issue of access within Yapton parish would be resolved.'*

Moving the parish boundary with Middleton-on-Sea south to the A259 Bognor Regis to Littlehampton road would allow Flansham (Hoe Lane) residents to reach the village of Yapton without leaving Yapton parish and hence would resolve the access issue referred to by the Boundary Commission. A separate community governance review is currently taking place to seek this alteration to the parish boundary.

Please give us your views. Complete the response form, tear it off and place it in an envelope, then return it to: The Policy & Partnerships Team at the address shown at the end of the form, to reach us by 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014.

**Community Governance Review Feedback Form for Flansham (Hoe Lane)**

Please read all the information in this leaflet before completing this form. Continue on a separate piece of paper if required. **Please note: a community governance review deals only with parishes, not with district wards or county divisions.**

**Proposals for the realignment of Yapton Parish Boundary**

- Felpham Parish Council's proposal is that Flansham (Hoe Lane) should become part of Felpham Parish; hence District ward, County division, and Parish boundaries would be the same in order to avoid confusion and to ensure uniformity across all the electoral boundaries.
- Yapton Parish Council's proposal is that Flansham (Hoe Lane) should remain part of Yapton Parish (their long term aim is that the Flansham area will become part of Yapton ward and division).

**1. Please state which is your preferred form of community governance for the area of Flansham (Hoe Lane)** [tick one box only]:

- To become part of Felpham Parish
- To remain part of Yapton Parish
- Alternative arrangements

**2. If you have indicated 'alternative arrangements', please give details below:**

**3. Would you like to make any other comments on this community governance review?**

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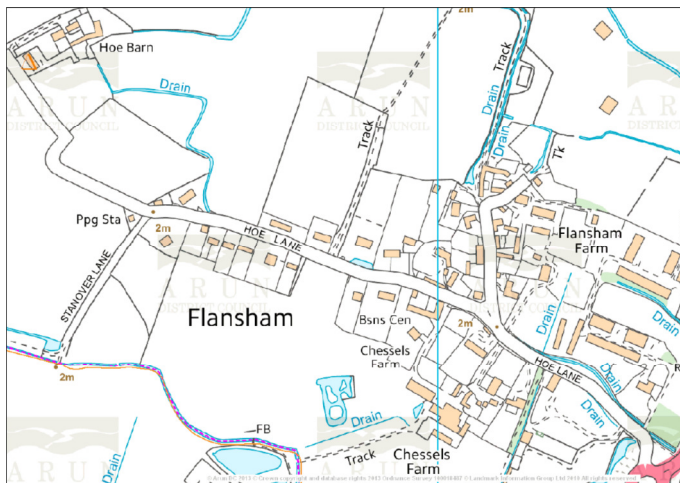
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**3. Would you like to make any other comments on this community governance review?**

**4. Name:**

**5. Representing:**



## Community Governance Review for the boundary between Yapton Parish and Middleton-on- Sea Parish

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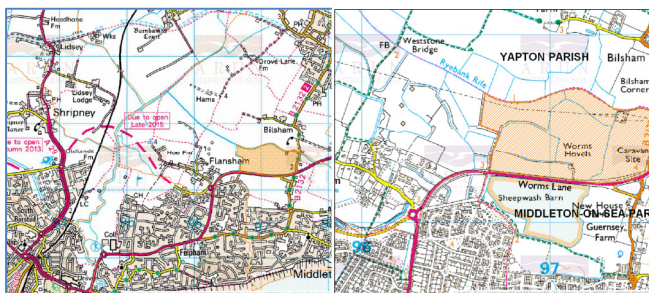
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### The current situation

Yapton Parish Council has set out proposals for the realignment of part of its boundary with the parish of Middleton-on-Sea (see maps below). The outlined area in the map does not contain any residential dwellings. It has an approximate area of 37.4 hectares (374,165 m<sup>2</sup> using the PlanWeb GIS system).

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Map showing proposed revision to parish boundaries (proposal to transfer shaded area to Yapton parish)

Larger scale map

### The alternative proposals

Realigning the parish boundary between Yapton and Middleton-on-Sea south to the A259 Bognor Regis to Littlehampton road would allow Flansham (Hoe Lane) residents to reach the village of Yapton without leaving Yapton parish. This would resolve an access issue referred to by the Boundary Commission in 2012/13 when turning down Yapton Parish Council's representation for the for the Flansham (Hoe Lane) area to be placed in the Yapton ward for District and County Council election purposes.

Specifically, the Commission turned down the request stating that 'the settlement of Flansham is not directly linked to the remainder of Yapton Parish. Instead, residents must travel through neighbouring Middleton-on-Sea parish in order to reach the village of Yapton.' The report continued: 'Yapton Parish Council also stated that it was seeking to have the parish boundary of Middleton-on-Sea parish amended, so that in future Flansham would have access to the remainder of Yapton parish. Were this to be the case, the issue of access within Yapton parish would be resolved.'

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# Community Governance Review Feedback Form for the boundary between Yapton Parish and Middleton-on-Sea Parish

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## Proposals for the realignment of Yapton Parish Boundary

- Yapton Parish Council's proposal that its boundary with Middleton-on-Sea parish should be aligned with the A259 Bognor Regis to Littlehampton road between the A259 Flansham Lane/Worms Lane intersection and the B2132 Yapton Road turning to the north at Comet Corner (shaded area on the maps).
- Middleton-on-Sea Parish Council wishes the boundary to remain unchanged.

**1. Please state which is your preferred form of community governance for the shaded area between Yapton Parish and Middleton-on-Sea Parish** [tick one box only]:

- To become part of Yapton Parish
- To remain part of Middleton-on-Sea Parish
- Alternative arrangements

**2. If you have indicated 'alternative arrangements', please give details below:**

**3. Would you like to make any other comments on this community governance review?**

**4. Name:**

**5. Representing:**



## Community Governance Review for the boundary between Yapton Parish and Ford Parish

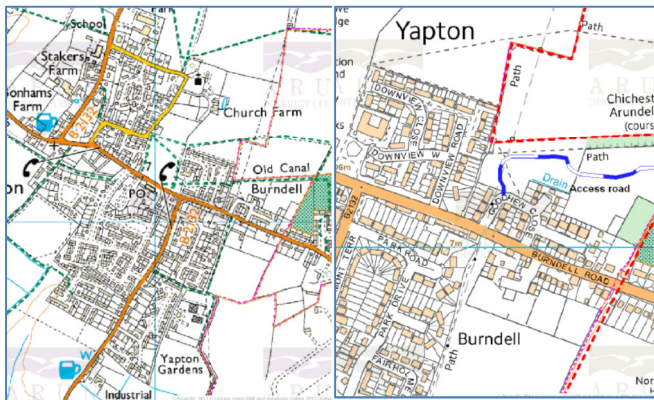
### What is a community governance review?

A community governance review provides the opportunity for Arun District Council to review and make changes to community governance<sup>4</sup> within their areas. It can be helpful to undertake community governance reviews in circumstances such as where there have been changes in population, or in reaction to specific or local new issues.

A community governance review offers an opportunity to put in place strong, clearly defined boundaries, tied to firm ground features, and remove anomalous parish boundaries. Please note: a community governance review deals only with parishes, not with district wards or county divisions.

### The current situation

Yapton Parish Council has set out proposals for the realignment of part of its boundary with the parish of Ford extending it east to include all of a new housing development solely accessed via Goodhew Close, Yapton (see maps below).



Map showing proposed revision to parish boundaries (proposal to transfer shaded area to Yapton parish)

Detailed map showing access route via Goodhew Close. Yapton Parish to the left, Ford Parish to the right of the red dotted line.

### The proposal

Realigning the parish boundary between Yapton and Ford would allow all residents of the new housing estate, solely accessed via Yapton Parish, to come under Yapton Parish.

Please give us your views. Complete the response form overleaf, place it in an envelope and return it to: The Policy & Partnerships Team, Arun District Council, FREEPOST BR7328, Littlehampton, West Sussex BN17 5BR to reach us by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014. Alternatively you can respond online at [www.arun.gov.uk/cgr-yapfor](http://www.arun.gov.uk/cgr-yapfor)

## Community Governance Review Feedback Form for the boundary between Yapton Parish and Ford Parish

Please read all the information in this leaflet before completing this form

### Proposal for the realignment of Yapton Parish Boundary

- Yapton Parish Council's proposal that its boundary with Ford parish should be extended east to include all of a new housing development solely accessed via Goodhew Close, Yapton.
- Ford Parish Council is understood to have no objection to the above proposal.

**1. Please state which is your preferred form of community governance for the shaded area between Yapton Parish and Ford Parish** [place an 'x' in one box only]:

- To become part of Yapton Parish
- To remain part of Ford Parish
- Alternative arrangements

**2. If you have indicated 'alternative arrangements', please give details below:**

<sup>4</sup> Community governance refers to the processes for making all the decisions and plans that affect life in the community, whether made by public or private organisations or by citizens.

**3. Would you like to make any other comments on this community governance review?**

**4. Name:**

**5. Representing:**

# Survey results:

Report on Community Governance Reviews for Yapton/Middleton-on-Sea boundary; Yapton/Ford boundary; and Flansham (Hoe Lane)

July 2014



## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 “A community governance review provides the opportunity for ‘a principal council’ (in this case Arun District Council) to review and make changes to community governance within its areas. It can be helpful to undertake community governance reviews in circumstances where there have been changes in population, or in reaction to specific or local new issues. A community governance review offers an opportunity to put in place strong, clearly defined boundaries, tied to firm ground features, and remove anomalous parish boundaries<sup>1</sup>.”
- 1.2 At their meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Arun District Council’s Electoral Review Sub-Committee agreed to carry out three community governance reviews affecting the Parishes of Felpham, Ford, Middleton-on-Sea, and Yapton. Specifically:
- 1.2.1 Proposal A: a request by Yapton Parish Council to align the southern boundary of their parish with Middleton-on-Sea Parish to the line of the A259.
- 1.2.2 Proposal B: a request by Yapton Parish Council to move their boundary with Ford Parish Council eastwards to encompass the new housing development which is due to be built off Goodhew Close, Yapton.
- 1.2.3 Proposal C: a request by Felpham Parish Council to align their parish boundary with Yapton Parish in line with the District and County electoral boundaries.
- 1.3 It was noted that Arun District Council would, as part of the next stage of the review, hold a period of consultation seeking the views of residents and other interested parties. The consultation took place between 28<sup>th</sup> May and 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014, this report summarises the findings of this consultation.
- 1.4 The parish clerks of the four affected parishes, Arun District Council Members for the affected wards, West Sussex County Council members for the affected Divisions, and West Sussex County Council Democratic Services (the invited consultees/interested parties) were sent the relevant consultation documents on 4<sup>th</sup> June. Remainders were sent to non-responders on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Responses were received from all four Parish Councils; 6 out of 8 ADC Members; 1 out of 2 WSCC Members; and the Flansham Residents’ Association (details shown in tables 1-3 in section 3).
- 1.5 Only one review involved residents (Proposal C covered the Flansham Hoe Lane area). Consultation leaflets were hand delivered to all 55 Hoe Lane properties on 28<sup>th</sup> May. A total of 25 responses were received from Hoe Lane residents, representing a 45% response rate<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Please note: a community governance review deals only with parishes, not with district wards or county divisions

<sup>2</sup> A sample of 25 from a population of 55 is subject to a maximum standard error of +/- 14.6% at the 95% confidence level on an observed statistic of 50%. Thus we can be 95% confident that if the whole population had responded the actual figure would lie between 35.4% and 64.6%

## 2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### 2.1.1 **Community Governance Review for the boundary between Yapton Parish and Middleton-on-Sea Parish [Proposal A]**

- 5 of the 8 interested parties (invited consultees) responded
- 2 in favour moving the boundary and 3 for the boundary remaining unchanged
- Preferences are in line with the parish or ward each respondent represents.

### 2.1.2 **Summary of reasons given for changing to Yapton**

- Wishes of Flansham (Hoe Lane) residents to ultimately be placed in the Yapton ward/division for District and County Council election purposes. [N. B. The Local Government Boundary Commission requires direct road access to Yapton village from Hoe Lane for this to happen].

### 2.1.3 **Summary of reasons given for remaining as Middleton-on-Sea.**

- Three issues over which Middleton residents must retain Parish representation are: the capped oil well at the north east corner of the site; Comet Corner road improvement proposals; and surface water flooding problems - 90% of this water goes into Ryebank Rife." [This is at the northern edge of the existing parish boundary].

### 2.2.1 **Community Governance Review for the boundary between Yapton Parish and Ford Parish [Proposal B]**

- 3 of the 6 interested parties (invited consultees) responded
- All 3 support this becoming part of Yapton Parish.

### 2.2.2 **Summary of reasons given for changing to Yapton.**

- Existing parish boundaries can become anomalous as new houses are built across them resulting in people being in different parishes from their neighbours. A review of parish boundaries is an opportunity to put in place boundaries tied to firm ground detail.

### 2.3.1 **Community Governance Review for Flansham (Hoe Lane) [Proposal C]**

- This review directly affected existing residents, so in addition to consulting interested parties, all residents living in the Flansham (Hoe Lane) area were consulted
- 7 of the 11 interested parties (invited consultees) responded. In addition, the Flansham Residents' Association submitted a response
- Apart from one ADC Member, preferences are in line with the parish or ward each respondent represents
- The survey of interested parties (invited consultees) shows 50% in favour of becoming part of Felpham Parish and 50% in favour of remaining part of Yapton Parish
- The survey of Hoe Lane residents was overwhelmingly in favour of remaining part of Yapton Parish, with 96% expressing this view.

2.3.2 Summary of reasons given for changing to Felpham.

- Parish boundaries should follow District and County boundaries
- Hoe Lane has been served well by Felpham at District and County level
- Felpham Parish Council recognises that Hoe Lane will be a rural community in its own right if it becomes part of Felpham Parish
- If Yapton does not succeed in gaining direct road access to Hoe Lane it will only be directly accessible from Felpham.

2.3.3 Summary of reasons for remaining as Yapton:

- The wishes of Hoe Lane residents to remain within the Parish of Yapton
- The new North Bognor Relief Road is a clearly defined boundary between Flansham (Hoe Lane) and Felpham
- Flansham is rural, not urban. Felpham is urbanised
- Flansham has long ties with Yapton.

### 3. KEY FINDINGS

#### 3.1 Community Governance Review for the boundary between Yapton Parish and Middleton-on-Sea Parish [Proposal A]

##### Proposals for the realignment of Yapton Parish Boundary

- Yapton Parish Council's proposal that its boundary with Middleton-on-Sea Parish should be aligned with the A259 Bognor Regis to Littlehampton road between the A259 Flansham Lane/Worms Lane intersection and the B2132 Yapton Road turning to the north at Comet Corner (shaded area on the maps supplied).
- Middleton-on-Sea Parish Council wishes the boundary to remain unchanged.

3.2 Five of the eight interested parties (invited consultees) responded. Table 1 summarises these responses: two are in favour moving the boundary and three in favour of the boundary remaining unchanged. Preferences are in line with the parish or ward each respondent represents.

**Table 1 – The boundary between Yapton Parish and Middleton-on-Sea Parish. Preferences expressed by interested parties**

Name	Representing	Preference
<b>WSCC Members</b>		
Joan Phillips	Middleton Division (inc. Yapton and Ford)	No response
<b>WSCC Officers</b>		
Charles Gauntlett	WSCC Principal Democratic Services Officer	No response
<b>ADC Members</b>		
Stephen Haymes	Yapton Ward	Change to Yapton
Angus McIntyre	Yapton Ward	No response
Barbara Oakley	Middleton-on-Sea Ward	Remain Middleton-on-Sea
Paul Wotherspoon	Middleton-on-Sea Ward	Remain Middleton-on-Sea
<b>Parish Councils</b>		
David Tansley	Parish Clerk, Yapton Parish Council	Change to Yapton
D Allsopp	Parish Clerk, Middleton-on-Sea Parish Council	Remain Middleton-on-Sea

3.3 The appendix (page 10) shows full comments received for this review. These are summarised below:

##### Change to Yapton:

- *The proposed change in the boundary would overwhelmingly reflect the strongly expressed wishes of Flansham (Hoe Lane) residents to remain within the Parish of Yapton and their wish ultimately to be placed in the Yapton ward/division for District and County Council election purposes.*



Remain Middleton-on-Sea:

- *There are outstanding issues and loss of Parish control over this area of land under the proposed change would greatly impact on residents of Middleton i.e.*
  1. *Capped oil well at the north east corner.*
  2. *Comet Corner road improvements proposals.*
  3. *Surface water flooding problems - 90% of this water goes into Ryebank Rife.**All three are extremely important issues over which Middleton residents must retain full Parish representation.*

### 3.4 **Community Governance Review for the boundary between Yapton Parish and Ford Parish [Proposal B]**

Proposal for the realignment of Yapton Parish Boundary

- Yapton Parish Council's proposal that its boundary with Ford parish should be extended east to include all of a new housing development solely accessed via Goodhew Close, Yapton.
- Ford Parish Council is understood to have no objection to the above proposal.

- 3.5 Three of the six interested parties (invited consultees) responded, all three support this becoming part of Yapton Parish. Table 2 summarises these responses.

**Table 2 – The boundary between Yapton Parish and Ford Parish. Preferences expressed by interested parties**

Name	Representing	Preference
<b>WSCC Members</b>		
Joan Phillips	Middleton Division (inc. Yapton and Ford)	No response
<b>WSCC Officers</b>		
Charles Gauntlett	WSCC Principal Democratic Services Officer	No response
<b>ADC Members</b>		
Stephen Haymes	Yapton Ward	Change to Yapton
Angus McIntyre	Yapton Ward	No response
<b>Parish Councils</b>		
David Tansley	Parish Clerk, Yapton Parish Council	Change to Yapton
Lisa Wilcock	Parish Clerk, Ford Parish Council	Change to Yapton

- 3.6 The appendix (page 11) shows full comments received for this review. These are summarised below:
- *Government guidance points out that 'over time, communities may expand with new housing developments. This can often lead to existing parish boundaries becoming anomalous as new houses are built across them resulting in people being in different parishes from their neighbours'. 'A review of parish boundaries is an opportunity to put in place strong boundaries, tied to firm ground detail, and remove anomalous parish boundaries'.*

### 3.7 Community Governance Review for Flansham (Hoe Lane) [Proposal C]

#### Proposals for the realignment of Yapton Parish Boundary

- Felpham Parish Council’s proposal is that Flansham (Hoe Lane) should become part of Felpham Parish; hence District ward, County division, and Parish boundaries would be the same in order to avoid confusion and to ensure uniformity across all the electoral boundaries.
  - Yapton Parish Council’s proposal is that Flansham (Hoe Lane) should remain part of Yapton Parish (their long term aim is that the Flansham area will become part of Yapton ward and division).
- 3.8 This was the only review that directly affected residents, so in addition to consulting those interested parties who represent County, District, and Parish Councils, all residents living in the Flansham (Hoe Lane) area were consulted.
- 3.9 Seven of the eleven interested parties (invited consultees) responded. Table 3 summarises these responses: four are in favour moving the boundary and three in favour of the boundary remaining unchanged. The Flansham Residents’ Association was not directly approached but submitted a response in favour of the boundary remaining unchanged. Apart from one ADC Member<sup>3</sup>, preferences are in line with the parish or ward each respondent represents.

**Table 3 – The boundary between Yapton Parish and Felpham Parish. Preferences expressed by interested parties**

Name	Representing	Preference
<b>WSCC Members</b>		
Graham Jones	Felpham Division	Change to Felpham
Joan Phillips	Middleton Division (inc. Yapton and Ford)	No response
<b>WSCC Officers</b>		
Charles Gauntlett	WSCC Principal Democratic Services Officer	No response
<b>ADC Members</b>		
Stephen Haymes	Yapton Ward	Remain Yapton
Angus McIntyre	Yapton Ward	No response
Paul English	Felpham East Ward	Change to Felpham
John Holman	Felpham East Ward	Remain Yapton
Gill Madeley	Felpham West Ward	Change to Felpham
Elaine Stainton	Felpham West Ward	No response
<b>Parish Councils</b>		
David Tansley	Parish Clerk, Yapton Parish Council	Remain Yapton
Dennis Peerman	Vice Chair, Felpham Parish Council	Change to Felpham
<b>Others</b>		
Andrew Burns	Flansham Residents’ Association	Remain Yapton

<sup>3</sup> Who represents Felpham but is in favour of the area remaining with Yapton

3.10 The appendix (page 11) shows full comments received for this review. The interested parties' comments are summarised below:

Change to Felpham:

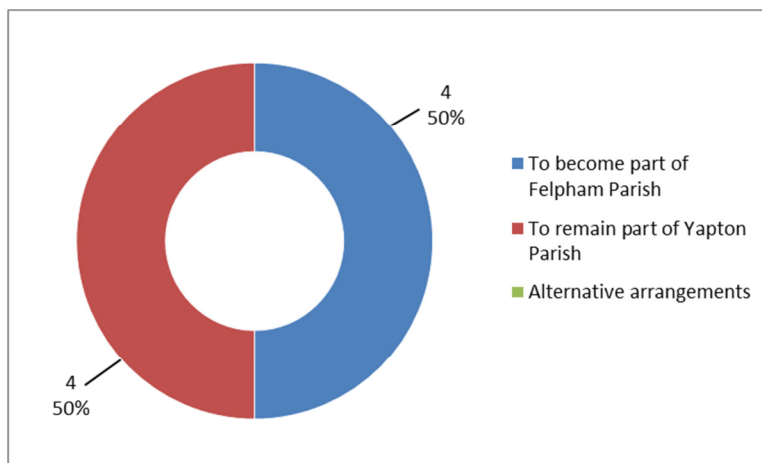
- *Felpham Parish Council recognises that Hoe Lane will be a rural community in its own right if it becomes part of Felpham Parish. If Yapton does not succeed in gaining direct road access to Hoe Lane it will only be directly accessible from Felpham.*
- *Hoe Lane is a special, close community with a rural status which must be maintained by whichever Parish Council controls it. County, District, and Parish boundaries should be aligned. Hoe Lane has been served well by Felpham at District and County level. It may be possible for Yapton and Felpham to support the Neighbourhood Plan principles laid out for this area already by Yapton*
- *Parish boundaries should follow District and County boundaries. Hoe Lane residents are more likely to be more affected by the Felpham Parish area than Yapton especially with the new Site 6 development.*

Remain Yapton:

- *This overwhelming reflects 'the people's choice' – the strongly expressed wishes of Hoe Lane residents to remain within the Parish of Yapton*
- *The recently built North Bognor Relief Road is a clearly defined boundary between Flansham and Felpham. I know the residents consider that they live in a rural, not urban, area. I believe that all Hoe Lane residents have declared their wish to become part of Yapton Ward and Division*

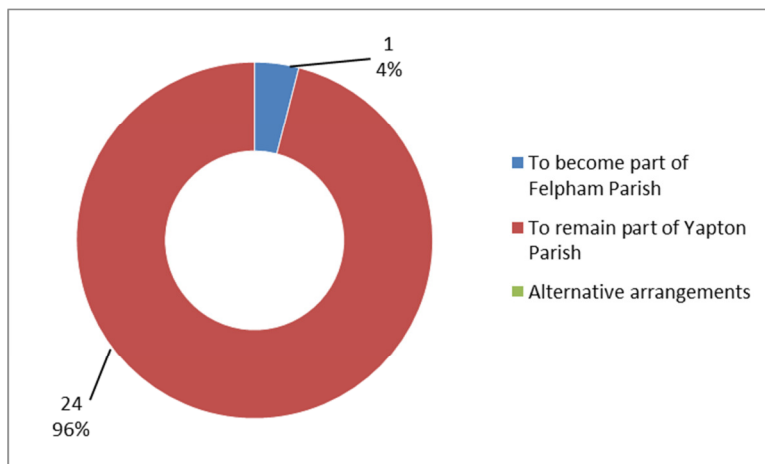
3.11 With the inclusion of The Flansham Residents' Association response, the survey of interested parties shows 50% in favour of becoming part of Felpham Parish and 50% in favour of remaining part of Yapton Parish (figure 1).

**Figure 1 – Yapton/Felpham: Parish Councils, ADC Members, and WSCC Members [Base: 8]**



- 3.12 The survey of Hoe Lane residents generated a quite different result, with 96% result in favour of remaining part of Yapton Parish (figure 2). With such a high percentage we can be 95% confident that had all 55 properties responded the actual percentage will lie between 90.3% and 98.2% in favour of remaining part of Yapton Parish.

**Figure 2 – Yapton/Felpham: Hoe Lane residents [Base: 25]**



- 3.13 The appendix (page 13) shows full comments received from Hoe Lane residents. These are summarised below:

Remain Yapton:

- *All the residents of Hoe Lane signed a petition stating to remain within Yapton Parish. That position has not changed*
- *Flansham is a rural settlement with long ties to Yapton. Felpham is no longer rural in any way but urbanised totally and as such the two communities are quite alien to one another. We are part of Yapton Parish*
- *There is no feeling of being 'looked after' by Felpham Parish. We are north of the A259 as is Yapton. I would strongly object to being part of Felpham Parish*
- *We feel that the new Bognor Northern Relief Road going west and the A259 going east would make the most natural boundary division between the two parishes*

## APPENDIX

**Full comments on the three Community Governance Reviews:****Yapton - Middleton-on-Sea****In favour of aligning the southern boundary of Yapton Parish with Middleton-on-Sea to the line of the A259**

*“The proposals put forward by Yapton Parish Council are in line with Guidance for Community Governance Reviews published jointly in March 2010 by the Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The proposals were aimed at addressing anomalies in the present arrangements.*

*“In particular, in the case of the proposed change in the boundary with Middleton-on-Sea, the line proposed would overwhelmingly reflect ‘the people’s choice’ (para 78 of the Government guidance) i.e. the strongly expressed wishes of Flansham (Hoe Lane) residents to remain within the Parish of Yapton and their wish ultimately to be placed in the Yapton ward/division for District and County Council election purposes.*

*“The proposed realignment of the Yapton boundary with Middleton-on-Sea follows the Government guidance which states that the Parish boundary needs to be reflected by a ‘river, road or railway’ and a need for this ‘to be, and likely to remain, easily identifiable’ (para 83). ‘A review of parish boundaries is an opportunity to put in place strong boundaries, tied to firm ground detail, and remove anomalous parish boundaries’. (para 85).” [David Tansley, Clerk of the Council, Yapton Parish Council]*

*“I have nothing to add to the representations already made by Yapton Parish Council.” [Cllr Stephen Haymes, Yapton Ward]*

**Yapton - Middleton-on-Sea****For the southern boundary of Yapton Parish with Middleton-on-Sea to remain unchanged**

*“Middleton on Sea Parish Council does not want any change to the existing arrangements and I am happy to go along with their opinion. To be quite honest I can’t see what on earth difference it makes if when travelling from A to B you cross a Parish boundary so long as you get there in the end.” [Cllr Mrs Barbara Oakley, Middleton-on-Sea Ward]*

*“I very much share Middleton-on-Sea Parish Council’s view on this.” [Cllr Paul Wotherspoon, Middleton-on-Sea Ward]*

*“The Parish Council made a verbal representation to the Electoral Review Sub Committee on 20th March 2014 and these matters should be fully recognised. In particular, there are outstanding issues and loss of Parish control over this area of land under the proposed change would greatly impact on residents of Middleton i.e.*

1. Capped oil well at the north east corner.
2. Comet Corner road improvements proposals.
3. Surface water flooding problems - 90% of this water goes into Ryebank Rife.

*All three are extremely important issues over which Middleton residents must retain full Parish representation.” [D F Allsopp, Parish Clerk, Middleton-on-Sea Parish Council]*

**Yapton – Ford****In favour of moving the boundary between Yapton Parish and Ford Parish eastwards to encompass the new housing development which is due to be built off Goodhew Close, Yapton**

*“The proposals put forward by Yapton Parish Council are in line with Guidance for Community Governance Reviews published jointly in March 2010 by the Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The proposals were aimed at addressing anomalies in the present arrangements.*

*“With regard to the proposal for the realignment of the boundary with Ford, the Government guidance points out that ‘over time, communities may expand with new housing developments. This can often lead to existing parish boundaries becoming anomalous as new houses are built across them resulting in people being in different parishes from their neighbours’ (para 84). ‘A review of parish boundaries is an opportunity to put in place strong boundaries, tied to firm ground detail, and remove anomalous parish boundaries’. (para 85).” [David Tansley, Clerk of the Council, Yapton Parish Council]*

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*“No (comment).” [Mrs Lisa Wilcock, Clerk and RFO of Ford Parish Council]*

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*“I have nothing to add to the representations already made by Yapton Parish Council.” [Cllr Stephen Haymes, Yapton Ward]*

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**Yapton – Ford****For the boundary between Yapton Parish and Ford Parish eastwards to remain unchanged**

No support for this option

**Yapton – Felpham****In favour of Flansham (Hoe Lane) becoming part of Felpham Parish**

*“Felpham Parish Council wishes to continue with its request for a review on the grounds put forward earlier, as if Middleton Parish Council does not give up part of the Parish to Yapton to enable direct access from the Hoe Lane area - that area will still be only directly accessible to Felpham Parish Council. However the Parish Council does recognise that the Hoe Lane “area” will be a rural community in its own right if it is “added” to Felpham Parish.” [Dennis Peerman, Vice Chair - Felpham Parish Council]*

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*“Having considered this matter so carefully for a long time, including taking on board the wishes of the residents and the papers they presented, I understand they consider the area as a rural one and feel best served by Yapton, even though with the existing and future house building even the Yapton area will in the future be challenged as anything different to Felpham and its areas.*

*“It is clearly understood by all levels that this area is a special, close community requiring careful consideration by any authority in regard to its rural status which must be maintained now and in the future. This stance is supported 100% by all Councillors I have talked to from many levels.*

*“However the findings of the original report in regards to District and County boundaries remain unchanged, the facts already stated have still shown that the residents are so much more affected by as well as served by the Felpham Parish area than Yapton parish area.*

*“The Boundary laid out for District and County now is clear and unambiguous and the alignment should be the same for Parish for clarity of existing and future residents. To change at this stage would continue to cause issues into the future and further reviews which certainly will not help.*

*“One could write reams of arguments, show many maps from the past but really we need to look to the future and how communities are best served, in this case it has been served well by County and District and there is no evidence that this trend would not be continued by Parish. In fact Parish, I understand have been supporting the requests in regards to residents’ concerns on Site 6 (Blakes Mead) regardless of Boundaries.*

*“The tenuous argument of realigning other Parish Boundaries to a road alignment still does not change the fact of where are the residents best served from.*

*“In regards to the Neighbourhood plan; this being an area of special consideration. It may be possible for Yapton and Felpham to seek a way to adopt or at least agree to support the principles laid out for this area already by Yapton, as the Neighbourhood plans are a living document and subject to reviews. This hopefully would take on board the needs noted in Yapton's N.P. for this area? I of course cannot speak for Felpham Parish Council on this in my capacity as a District Councillor. I see no reason for the request not to be made though.*

*“With one hand I wish to support the residents and electorate of the area and with the other consider where would they be best served from in regards to governance in the future.*

*“This is an emotive issue and I hope the Committee supports the views expressed in the final independent report for District and County Boundaries which still appear to remain unchanged.” [Cllr Paul English, Felpham East Ward]*

*“I believe that the boundary as laid out for District and County should follow with Parish. The residents of Hoe Lane are likely to be more affected by Felpham parish area than Yapton especially with the new site 6 development.” [Cllr Mrs Gill Madeley, Felpham West Ward]*

## **Yapton – Felpham**

### **For Flansham (Hoe Lane) to remain part of Yapton Parish**

*“I believe that all Hoe Lane residents have declared their wish to become part of Yapton Ward and Division. The recently built North Bognor Relief Road is a clearly defined boundary between Flansham and Felpham. I know the residents consider that they live in a rural, not urban, area. The boundary commission's 2012/13 decision involving the Middleton-on-Sea parish boundary seems perverse.” [Cllr John Holman, Felpham East Ward]*

*“The proposals put forward by Yapton Parish Council are in line with Guidance for Community Governance Reviews published jointly in March 2010 by the Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The proposals were aimed at addressing anomalies in the present arrangements.*

*“The proposals overwhelming reflect 'the people's choice' (para 78 of the Government guidance) i.e. the strongly expressed wishes of Flansham (Hoe Lane) residents to remain within the Parish of Yapton.” [David Tansley, Clerk of the Council, Yapton Parish Council]*

*“I have nothing to add to the representations already made by Yapton Parish Council.” [Cllr Stephen Haymes, Yapton Ward]*

*“With regards to the forthcoming community governance review the Flansham Residents Association should like to reaffirm its support for the Yapton Parish Boundary to be moved south to be coterminous with the A259 Bognor Regis to Littlehampton road as Flansham (Hoe Lane) wishes to remain with Yapton Parish Council and thus remove the anomaly highlighted by the Boundary Commission.” [Andrews Burns, Chairman, Flansham Residents’ Association]*

### **Yapton – Felpham [Hoe Lane residents]**

#### **For Flansham (Hoe Lane) to remain part of Yapton Parish**

*“All the residents of Hoe Lane signed a petition stating to remain within Yapton Parish. That position has not changed and there are three adults at this address.” [Hoe Lane resident]*

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*“Flansham is a rural settlement with long ties to Yapton. Felpham is no longer rural in any way but urbanised totally and as such the two communities are quite alien to the other. We are part of Yapton Parish.” [Hoe Lane resident]*

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*“Our communities have had links historically and should stay together.” [Hoe Lane resident]*

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*“There is no feeling of being 'looked after' by Felpham Parish. We are south (north?) of the A259 as is Yapton. I would strongly object to being part of Felpham Parish.” [Hoe Lane resident]*

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*“We feel that the new Bognor Northern Relief Road going west and the A259 going east would make the most natural boundary division between the two parishes.” [Hoe Lane resident]*

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