

COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

(HARDHAM, COLDWALTHAM & WATERSFIELD)

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The Boundary Commission
35 Great Smith Street
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Dear Sir / Madam

We are writing to express our unanimous opposition and concern about the proposed boundary changes to our parliamentary seat/constituency.

We are not only expressing the views of the Parish Council but also numerous local residents who have contacted us to express their alarm and dismay at your proposal to put /locate our parish in a new constituency area linked to Shoreham.

This places our Parish and others nearby on the extreme edge of an area with which we have extremely limited contact and no common set of issues or history.

We deeply resent/object to being moved out of the Arundel and South Downs constituency which we feel part of, with common concerns and with which we have a shared local environment. Our links are with Arundel and our neighbouring parishes: how would our views be heard in a constituency dominated by coastal and urban issues? We live and share with our neighbours in Arundel, Amberley, Fittleworth, Sutton and Bury, not with Shoreham.

There are specific rural issues, such as education, transport and ecology which are very distinct to this valley and need resolving by working together in local rural communities, which would be severely undermined by such a change.

We wish to remain in the Arundel and South Downs Constituency. We support the counter proposal to include Coldwaltham back into the same Parliamentary constituency as Arundel and other settlements on the western side of the Arun Valley.

Yours sincerely

G Nelson
Chairman Coldwaltham PC