

Local Government Boundary Commission review

Having responded to the argument from the LGBC that Tatsfield and Titsey would be better served as part of a 3 Councillor ward with submissions from the Independent group, the District Councillor, the Parish Council and literally hundreds of villagers we were left having to wait until 31st October for the final considerations from the commission.

Well I am now pleased to say the commission have accepted our "strong objections" and "compelling evidence" that we all put forward for Tatsfield and Titsey to remain as a one member ward.

An extract from the report is below

We have given careful consideration to the evidence received about our Limpsfield & Tatsfield ward, noting the strong objections. In our view, respondents have provided compelling evidence, similar to that which persuaded us to move away from a three-councillor pattern to create a single-councillor Woldingham ward. We consider that the evidence provided to us has demonstrated that a three councillor ward in this area would not be compatible with our other statutory criteria. Our view following our visit, and on considering the evidence, is that local community interests and convenient and effective local government would be undermined by a three-councillor pattern in this area. On balance, we therefore consider there to be sufficient evidence to move away from the three-councillor pattern here, particularly as we are also able to reflect this evidence while providing for good electoral equality which, as noted above, is a key point of difference with areas further south. We are therefore reverting to the existing single-councillor Tatsfield & Titsey ward and two councillor Limpsfield ward as part of our final recommendations.

Here is a link to the full report: https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-10/tandridge_fr_report.pdf

Thanks to everyone for their efforts

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