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Hello

I agree with the first response in the letter of the previous submissions in the first review that the existing boundaries and the proposed boundaries are far too vague to judge correctly.

The information has not been presented correctly to make a judgment.

You need to give the electors a map of the current boundaries, which councillors sit in each boundary and then the new proposed boundaries with the councillors who would be directly affected.

I understand that there are some wards with only one candidate for the post but these wards should not lose representation. As the information is so vague I cannot tell which areas are affected.

Cost savings should be carried out in other areas and not aimed at the Democratic process.

A good place to start would be to lobby government over existing waste and landfill charges which is causing a deluge of flytipping.

Please resubmit the proposals with better maps and the wards affected.

Thank you

I am in favour and support the reduction of councillors with the hope that the potential savings will be achieved and used to address key issues in the local areas.

Hi , I hope this will find you well. I agree with you all to reduce the numbers of councillors , the community will benefit of the action of 16 councillors and the money you other 3 councillors you can invest in something else , kind Regards, REDACTED Thank you very much to involve me in this mater.

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First of all, the diagram provided is of very poor quality. It is very hard to see which roads are near or at boundaries due to the faintness of the background and the excessive thickness of the overlaid boundaries.

In regards to the Imberhorne Ward it would seem far more logical to extend it's boundary with Baldwins Ward right up to the County boundary, putting those houses to the north of the A22 in Furze Lane, Yew Lane and Pine Grove, etc. into the Baldwins ward - effectively making the A22 the boundary between them. A similar argument applies at the southern border of Baldwins and Imberhorne - just use the A22 as the boundary. This would reduce the number of electors in Imberhorne ward slightly which would be no bad thing considering the forecast for 2027 is by far and away the largest in the town.

Similarly, the section of Herontye and Ashplats South that is north of the A22 could be moved into Ashplats North - again using the A22 to define the boundary.

The logical conclusion of this would be to use the A22 as the boundary just adjacent to this point, moving those properties to the north of the A22 either into Ashplats North or Ashurst Wood. I realise this would reduce the number of electors in EG South Ward but I would suggest allocating part of this to Imberhorne and the rest divided between Herontye & Ashplats South and EG Town South. The single councillor currently allocated to EG South could then either be allocated to Baldwins or else abolished - yet another save.

As per my previous submission, I still think we have too many layers of local government, especially given the fact that many of our town councillors are also district and/or county councillors. Let's abolish the district council and transfer those functions to the county council - that will make a big saving in admin costs.

Whilst the proposal to reduce the number of East Grinstead Town Councillors from 19 to 16 is welcomed, the proposed distribution creates significant anomalies in respect of the number of electors per Councillor.

Based on the projected 2027 electorate, Ashplats North, Baldwyns and Imberhorne are significantly under-represented; while East Grinstead South, Town North and Town South are significantly over-represented. Only in Herontye and Ashplats South does the number of councillors just about match the electorate (approximately 1450 electors per Councillor).

I recognise that this cannot be addressed give the proposed number of Councillors and the proposed Town Ward boundaries.

As such, I would recommend that you revisit the Town Ward boundaries and re-draw them so that the distribution of electors per Councillor is more evenly balanced.

I agree with the change

I support all the recommendations in the 22 June Community Governance Review Draft Recommendations for East Grinstead Town Council, to have the 7 designated Wards, reduce number of Councillors to 16, and have the proposed number of Councillors for each Ward.

Having looked at the draft recommendations, I believe these to be fair and proportionate to the areas concerned.

I agree with the proposed draft recommendations for East Grinstead Town Council and in particular the number (7) and names of the Town Council Ward and Councillor numbers (16).

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I am in agreement with the proposals as per your letter dated 1st July and which seems to be the simplest way of reducing the Council Size from 19 Councillors to 16 without too much upheaval.

I support the recommendations as detailed in the letter from MSDC date 1 July 2022

I agree with East Grinstead Town Council' amendments to the review

Re: Community Governance Review for East Grinstead Town Council, 2nd public consultation.

I've reviewed the MSDC Draft Recommendations summarised in Democratic Services letter dated 1 July 2022 (and associated documents), in respect of specific comments that I'd raised in the 1st consultation.

The proposed allocation of councillors to wards (table in para 5 of the letter) gives a more even ratio of electors to councillors than the original proposal from EGTC, particularly for Imberhorne ward. I'm satisfied that it maintains effective local democracy, while achieving the overall reduction to 16 councillors requested by EGTC.

On balance I support the MSDC Draft recommendations and have no further comments on the consultation.

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From: REDACTED
Sent: 06 July 2022 11:46
To: communitygovernancereviews
Subject: One councillor less

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Interested though I am in the furtherance of greater democratic participation in local affairs, I am a loss to understand the value of this current exercise designed to make what seems a rather minor change in the pattern of representation on East Grinstead council. Furthermore, the links in your most recent communication are not accessible!

The sad truth is that there has been a serious decline in awareness of and interest in local affairs since the war. In the 1940s, large numbers of people could be persuaded to turn out in bitter weather to attend town hall meetings to discuss local democracy, or to take part in local referenda on the question of cinema opening on Sundays: councillors were well-known personalities, with ample access to a flourishing local press: and there still remained a sense of civic pride, which, for instance, drove a major campaign in Eastbourne to collect funds for housing for disabled ex-servicemen. It must also be said that, even at a time of severe economic constraints after a ruinous war, there was an optimism and a determination to make a better world. Nowadays it seems as if local government is largely about patching up, with ever-diminishing resources and an indifferent, even hostile public.

In these circumstances, I can tell you that ploughing through reports and attempting to formulate a response on a form which has to be accessed online (with great difficulty) is a futile exercise. I respect those who put themselves forward for elective office, and would very much like to support their work, but that can only be done by giving them better means to achieve this - and this means raising the profile of local government, and making the public more aware of its importance. There are signs of this happening in the big conurbations, which in any case have a much stronger tradition of municipal government. East Grinstead (and for that matter, the other two nuclei of Mid-Sussex) lacks any real focus: it has never been able to find a place alongside, let alone in fruitful partnership with, Crawley New Town, and is stuck in an odd corner of a county dominated by its coastal towns. The fact that this is one of the most prosperous parts of the UK unfortunately allows its populace to be lulled into the kind of grumpy apathy that prevails in so much of south-east England. One councillor more or less is hardly going to change this state of affairs.

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From: REDACTED
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Subject: Re: Community Governance Review for East Grinstead Town Council. Notice of our Draft Recommendations and a 2nd public consultation.

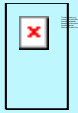
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It's all much too wordy, complicated, dyed-in-wool traditional for any ordinary resident of East Grinstead (and surrounding areas) to be bothered to concern themselves with.! In my opinion. Having lived and voted in EG since 1971 - I consider reducing any bureaucrat numbers is A GOOD STRATEGY.
Cut the verbosity, study the local latest maps and redraw it all in a sensible way.
REDACTED

Sent from my iPad

On 6 Jul 2022, at 10:40, Mid Sussex District Council
<mid.sussex.district.council@notifications.service.gov.uk> wrote:



Dear REDACTED,

Your Reference Number: REDACTED

Further to our letters dated 4th and 25th April 2022 regarding the current Community Governance Review for East Grinstead Town Council (EGTC). You may recall that this is considering whether to reduce the Council Size from 19 Councillors to 16 Councillors, and to align parish and district wards.

We are grateful to all those who contributed to the 1st public consultation. We have carefully evaluated all responses received and our draft recommendations for East Grinstead Town Council are linked below:

<https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/media/8292/report-to-sc-cssd-22-june-2022-draft-recs-for-egtc-updated-version-ag-amends-2.pdf>

You are now invited to contribute again to this Community Governance Review. It would be useful, and we hope convenient to address your submission to these Draft Recommendations. Before preparing your submission, you may refer to the Terms of Reference and Guidance for Respondents and the official Public Notice which includes the original request wording. You can find these documents at: www.midsussex.gov.uk/elections-voting/community-governance-reviews

Should you wish to suggest an alternative proposition, please concisely explain how it might derive the following benefits:

- Improved community engagement
- Enhanced community cohesion
- Better local democracy
- More effective and convenient delivery of local services and local government

You should also explain how your proposition:

- Reflects the identities and interests of the community

The best way to contribute your views is via our online form. You will find it at www.midsussex.gov.uk/cgr-form Alternatively, you may email your submission to:

communitygovernancereviews@midsussex.gov.uk

If you need paper copies of the Terms of Reference and Guidance for Respondents, please call us.

If you wish to contribute, we can accept 2nd stage submissions from 1st July 2022. The deadline for responding is 12th August 2022. After this we will evaluate further and prepare our Final Recommendations for our Scrutiny Committee to consider at its meeting on 14 September 2022.

We very much hope to receive your contributions to this Community Governance Review.

Yours sincerely,

Terry Stanley,
Business Unit Leader for Democratic Services

To the Mid Sussex District Council

Oaklands, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1SS

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you and I can appreciate the invitation you were able to send regarding the proposed **Community Governance Review 2022 relating to East Grinstead Town Council**.

I, the undersigned, having received by post the letter of invitation dated the 1st of July 2022, having observed the Terms of Reference and Guidance for Respondents, and the published additional reference materials at the MSDC's webpage, can meet expectations and I would wish to contribute.

Hereby I am capable, feel honoured and pleased to offer you my views under the following and same previously agreed terms as laid out in my previous submission on the 8th of May 2022 regarding the first stage of public consultations. And which, in order to keep within the required conciseness and avoid redundancy, I do not repeat here.

Considering the Terms of Reference and especially all points previously communicated, my views of what the Community Governance arrangements for my area should be are outlined and sustained as follows below.

In support of my case for a particular council size, you may find arguments concisely explaining how my proposition might derive the following benefits:

- Improved community engagement
- Enhanced community cohesion
- Better local democracy
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My considerate response is also able to explain and provide clarity on how my proposition:

- Reflects the identities and interests of the community

The key principles and aspects required/mandatory to refer to/consider here are:

- Representativity
- Democracy
- Legitimacy and lawfulness of governance
- All of the above three points via respecting the rights of all rightful members/groups of the East Grinstead community in line with the UK law, British Values and fair principles of equality, diversity, inclusion and equity, beyond or alongside the criteria of numbers outlined in the ToR.

The UK requires all its residents and citizens to accept the responsibilities related to this status and to respect the laws, values and traditions of the UK, its rights, freedoms and democratic values.

As residents and/or citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, we are all expected to do the right thing: respect the laws, values and traditions of the UK; treat people equally, with respect, fairness and tolerance; look after ourselves, our family, the area in which we live and the environment; fulfil our responsibilities as a citizen and help to make our community a better place to live and work.

UK laws allow everyone, including me, to make a positive contribution to the society in which we live. I am willing, able, happy and comfortable to do my bit and to work to improve things towards supporting and respecting the UK, UK Gov, UK laws, British Values and HM the Queen Elizabeth II. In my capacity as a resident of the UK I am allowed, able, willing, happy and comfortable to respect and support the UK, UK Gov, UK laws, British Values, HM the Queen Elizabeth II and all relevant standards.

Therefore, through my views, I would like to make such a positive contribution to the society in which I live.

I would be happy to support and work with the East Grinstead Town Council and the Mid Sussex District Council on any project or review, including the proposed Community Governance Review 2022 relating to East Grinstead Town Council, when they can:

- treat with respect and dignity the UK, UK Gov, gov.uk guidelines, UK laws, British Values, HM the Queen Elizabeth II and all relevant standards
- demonstrate clearly how any project or review meets the expectations of all these abovementioned: e.g. **improve community well-being and provide better services, work with local people and partners, such as local**

businesses and other organisations, to agree and deliver on local priorities as per gov.uk guidelines

I would respectfully draw attention to:

- certain words HM the Queen Elizabeth II shared as part of her speech on her Coronation Day, the 2nd of June 1953: “I have in sincerity pledged myself to your service, as so many of you are pledged to mine. Throughout all my life and with all my heart I shall strive to be worthy of your trust. “
- the motto of the English monarchs which can be observed on the Royal Coat of Arms of the UK and flag: *Dieu et mon droit* (God and my right) and the concept of the [divine right of the monarch to govern](#).

Hence, I can trust you, the East Grinstead Town Council and the Mid Sussex District Council are capable and, in the same time, able to provide and improve the service to meet all applicable expectations and standards as where necessary.

I would be happy to treat with respect and dignity. And I would be grateful to receive civil service from you, the East Grinstead Town Council and the Mid Sussex District Council, as well as from all appropriate channels, when all concerned are capable to achieve all of the above through all reviews and decisions while assessing accordingly as per UK laws and gov.uk guidelines with respect for all concerned and enrighted first of all to receive respect.

Thanks in anticipation of a positive response.

Yours

faithfully,

REDACTED

Ref Number: **REDACTED**

04th of August 2022

Address: *REDACTED*

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Contact: Democratic Services
E-mail: communitygovernancereviews@midsussex.gov.uk
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Your ref: REDACTED

Date:
1st July 2022

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**Re: Community Governance Review for East Grinstead Town Council.
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2. The new parish ward of Sackville should be incorporated into Baldwins ward. We can do this because these two areas lay wholly within a County division. The merger also compensates for the loss of the parts of Baldwins ward south of the London Road (the current BD2 polling district), which following the LGBCE's Electoral Review of Mid Sussex District Council are now in Imberhorne ward.
3. The Town North and Town South parish wards should be retained as these are also divided by a County electoral division boundary.
4. The East Grinstead Town Council should therefore be comprised of 7 Wards represented by 16 Councillors.
5. The Town Council Ward names and Councillor numbers should be as follows:

Town Ward	Electorate June 2022 *	Forecast Electorate 2027	2023 Town Councillor No.
Ashplats North	4410	4759	X
Baldwins	3266	3479	X
Herontye & Ashplats South	3570	4310	X
Imberhorne	4311	5157	X
East Grinstead South	635	726	X

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Town North	1032	1048	1
Town South	3831	3748	2
			16

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* June 2022 electorate updated

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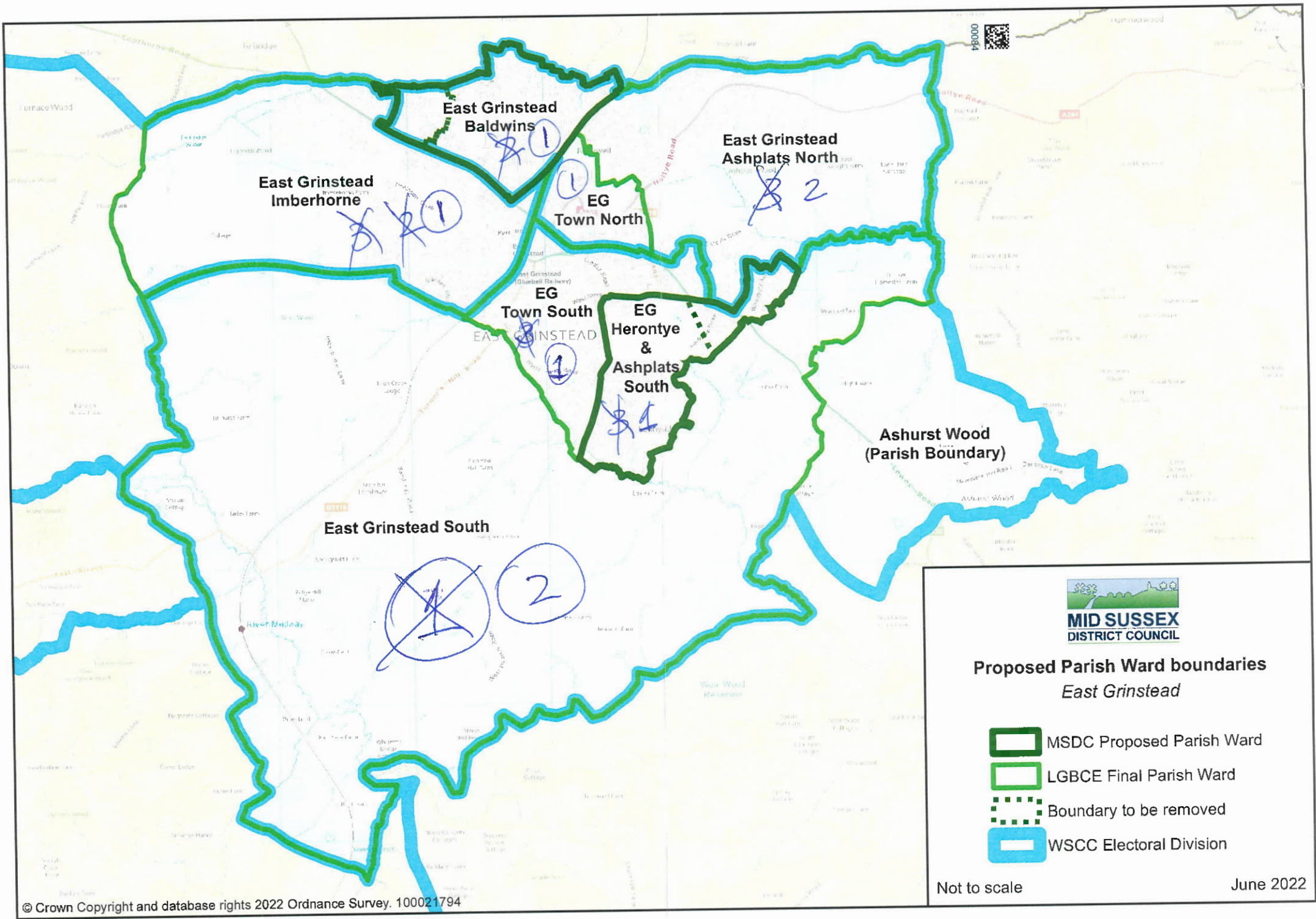
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Yours sincerely,

Terry Stanley,

Business Unit Leader for Democratic Services

Please reduce the number of Councillors to 9 as above. If 1 can do whole of both areas? or many other areas? mistified.



East Grinstead Imberhorne

East Grinstead Baldwins

East Grinstead Ashplats North

EG Town North

EG Town South

EG Herontye & Ashplats South

East Grinstead South

Ashurst Wood (Parish Boundary)



Proposed Parish Ward boundaries
East Grinstead

- MSDC Proposed Parish Ward
- LGBCE Final Parish Ward
- Boundary to be removed
- WSCC Electoral Division

Not to scale

June 2022

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12 JUL 2022

Terry Stanley
Business Unit leader
The Democratic Series

8 July 2022

MSDC
Oaklands Road
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W Sussex
RH16 1SS

Dear Terry Stanley

Thank you for your letter and map of Review
for map of Draft Recommendations on the
following points: -

1. The new Parish Ward for East Grinstead
Ashplatts North should be retained. And
Ashplatts South should be included with
Herantye.
2. The new parish ward of Sackville
should be incorporated into Baldwins
Ward in the North of the town.
3. Town North and Town South should
be retained.
4. The East Grinstead Town Council should
be comprised of 7 wards represented by
16 Councillors.

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The Town Council Ward names should be: -

	No of Councils
Ashplets North	(3)
Baldwins	(2)
Hesontye + Ashplets South	(3)
Imberhome	(3)
East Grimstead Sate	(1)
Town North	(1)
Town South	(3)
Total:	<u>16</u>

This all seems a good way to work out the proposed Parish Ward boundaries. (based on the ~~area~~ number of people and not the amount of space).

I will keep the letter and map, to know what's happening. Thank you.

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... boundary to be reviewed
to the Outside boundary
WSAC Electrical Division

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28-7-2022

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- 1 AUG 2022

Dear Terry Stanley

Thank you for your letter of
the 1st July.

We have studied the contents
regarding the boundaries for the
districts and concur with the changes.
Reduced areas would quite possibly
be more satisfactory

Yours sincerely

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Your Ref:

My Ref: JH/Clerk/Consultation responses

When calling please ask for: Mrs J Holden

10th August 2022

Community Governance Review - East Grinstead

The East Grinstead town council are broadly supportive of the proposals for change in East Grinstead. It is important that the Parish wards remain aligned with the District wards as far as possible to ensure that least confusion is caused for electors. We are supportive of the reduction in Town Councillors in line with the reviewed Councillor numbers at the District Council.

We are grateful for the opportunity to respond to the consultation.

Julie Holden
Town Clerk
East Grinstead Town Council