

Extract from e-mail from Ms A Keat

Dave,

I have just had the chance to read through the Community Governance Review you issued on July 25th '14. The second page, in which you list the effects of the changes to the boundary that you envisage, if you get your wish, really is a hotch potch of random thoughts brought up at one of your secret meetings. I say 'secret' because Charles Fuller, the Neston Councillor who was at the Box meeting on July 15th, had no idea that such changes had been mooted and certainly had not discussed them at Council meetings.

The sad thing is that you, and your team, quite obviously have no idea about the quality of life in a village like Box, where people appreciate the community far more than in a town like Corsham. We moved here in 1986 from Bath and have always felt secure in the knowledge that the Box team have our interests at heart. The Surgery is a case in point and an important focus for Box parishioners, as also the Churches, both Church of England and Methodist. I was not able to attend the meeting in Corsham Town Hall but mention was made about the Health and Social Care element in Box, goodness knows why as the village has three Nursing/Care homes and an active Community Nursing team.

The plans you have put forward would remove about one third of the income Box receives through the precept with little chance of raising monies to compensate this loss. There are no large developments envisaged, apart from Wadswick Green, in the Box area, whereas Corsham has several in the pipeline all of which will add to the income of Corsham.

I mentioned the 'random thoughts' in your list, several of which are just unsubstantiated, like the Broadwood School, whose pupils come from Rudloe, mainly, as Corsham children have the chance to attend several other schools in Corsham. If there are children affected by the boundary going through the estate what is wrong with Box having all the estate in its remit?

Using 'Chippenham parish' boundary as a reason for pinching part of Box is just a red herring as it has nothing to do with Box.

The idea that the changes will 'strengthen relationships with MOD Corsham and businesses to the west of Westwells, is ludicrous as many of the personnel live in Rudloe, within the Box area.

I could go on and on, picking holes in your arguments but I really cannot waste my time. I just hope that common sense will prevail and that your team give Box people the chance to state their case.

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