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Dear Sir,

Community Governance Review – UPDATE 25 July 2014

I have studied the above review and the reasons Corsham Town Council propose for the boundary re-alignment resulting in the control of Rudloe being transferred from Box to Corsham.

From the information I have received I see no benefit to those who are under the control of Box Parish Council if the proposal were to proceed. The reasons given to date are that the current boundaries do not take into consideration where communities are and assume that by re-alignment they can provide better and more efficient services as well as greater integration of those communities. These reasons seem to be more aspirational rather than factual.

I have lived in Rudloe for 10 years and have an affinity with Box under whose control has actively and effectively provided services in our area. I believe if that control were to be moved from Box to Corsham our Community Charge will be increased to reflect that of Corsham and Box will have to increase their charge to compensate for the lost revenue.

The proposed benefits set out are not tangible and seek to convince that boundary re-alignment will deliver a greater sense of identity assuming that those affected are not content with the current status. As far as I am concerned the current status works well so why change it for reasons which have not been clearly articulated. A far more convincing case should be submitted providing factual benefits to those who will be directly affected as opposed to the beliefs of what may or may not be achieved.

Some of the facts against the proposal are:

- There have been no population shifts or additional development in the area under review.
- There are already easily identifiable boundaries.
- Implementation of the proposals will render Box Parish no longer viable.
- Loss of services will include the street cleaner, Leafy Lane grass cutting & footpath clearance.
- Fees doubled to be buried as non-parishioners.
- No eligibility for our allotments.

I await promulgation of some facts in support of the proposal so I can be convinced of the benefits, especially to the residents of Rudloe and Box.

Yours faithfully

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