

Extract of email from Mr P Davis 11 November 2015

Dear Sirs,

I understand you will shortly be asked to consider a proposal by Melksham Town Council, to amalgamate the authorities of Melksham Without Parish Council and Melksham Town Council into one authority. I write to request you consider the following points before making such a decision.

Melksham Town Council administers and controls the centre of the community, but Melksham Without Parish Council, which really should be classified as a miniature District Council, administers eight communities that are situated on the peripheral boundary of the town, making up of a total of 7.5 thousand people.

These varying in size communities are - Bowerhill, Berryfield, Beanacre, Shaw, Whitley, Redstocks, Outmarsh, and Sandridge, plus the continuing to expand new development East of Melksham.

As somebody who has vast experience in serving on Parish, Town, District and the County Council authorities, I am apprehensive that should this application be successful, the communities outside of the town centre of Melksham may not continue to enjoy the level of local authority support they at present experience, due to funding, and other priorities being directed towards the town centre.

I appreciate there is a continuous drive towards reducing costs and modernising administrations, but in this particular instance, I respectfully request you do not support this proposal, to allow Melksham Town Council and Melksham Without Parish Council to amalgamate, but continue to permit them to administer the areas to which they are best suited.

Regards Peter Davis