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Corsham Town Council
Town Hall
High Street,
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10 July 2014

Dear Sir

RE: Proposed Parish Boundary Change - Part of Rudloe and Wadswick moving from Box to Corsham

I sent an email to Ruth Hopkinson, Chairman of the Council and to Councillor Peter Antsey, as in the past he was a resident of both Rudloe and Wadswick, requesting a list of the benefits for the residents of both Rudloe and Wadswick if this proposal is accepted. As neither has taken the trouble to reply to the emails the only conclusion I can make is that there are absolutely no benefits at all for the residents of both Rudloe or Wadswick.

I strongly object to the proposed boundary change as quite clearly it is a land grab for the following reasons:-

- Corsham will gain with more proposed house building becoming available.
- With approximately 450 properties moving from Box Parish to Corsham Town, Corsham gains substantially from the Council Tax Town Precept.
- Box on the other hand loses the Council Tax Parish Precept for approximately 450 properties.

- The remaining properties in Box can now expect their Council Tax Parish Precept to rise to make up what has been lost from Rudloe and Wadswick.
- Rudloe and Wadswick residents will find their Parish Precept rise as Corsham's is substantially higher than that of the Box Precept.
- Valuable Council Tax revenue is being spent on the proposed Parish Boundary change, which could have been spent on essential services.
- Richard Tonge, County Councillor for Corsham Without and Box Hill in an email to me states 'I am against the change as I can see no advantage for Box'.

I have been a resident of Rudloe for some 42 years and as I said earlier I strongly oppose the proposed boundary change.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graham D Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Graham D Jones