

Extract from an e-mail from Jane Browning 29 September 2015.

Jane lives in Corsham and has innumerable family ties with Box. She is a committee member of Box NATS and Box People and Places as well as several similar Corsham Societies.

Alan Payne

Sent from Windows Mail

From:

Sent: Tuesday, 29 September 2015 19:57

To: boxpeopleandplaces@yahoo.co.uk

Dear Alan,

I am totally against the proposal to re-draw the boundary. Does history count for nothing? I understand it is due to Chippenham wanting to re-draw their boundary to include parts of Corsham Parish due to Wiltshire Council identifying (in the Core Strategy) a certain amount of land for housing and employment needs for Chippenham, which Chippenham cannot meet within their current boundaries. Corsham Town Council has, in effect, agreed this without consulting its parishioners. The whole process has been rather "under the radar". I think there are very few people in Corsham who know of this review. Certainly I know of no proposal to have a similar meeting for the proposed new boundaries for the parish of Corsham.

So it is all due to the WC's Core Strategy that we are in this position. WC usually get their way - consultation is purely that; a way to put a tick in the box to say they have consulted. They do not have to follow the views of those consulted.

Although, again, they do not have to take account of such a vehicle, I wonder if, if WC still do not listen, Box Parish could call for a referendum. Indeed, if the proposals were more widely known in Corsham, I believe there would be sufficient people in Corsham to demand such a vote as well.

Jane Browning