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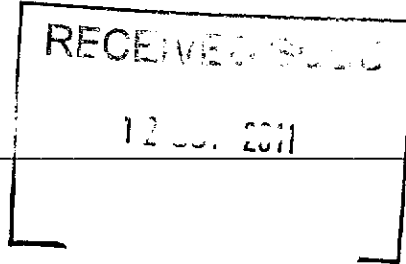


WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL



11 October 2011

Mrs J Hunter
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Dear Mrs Hunter

Re: Boundary between Willingham and Over

I write to you as the Chairman of Willingham Parish Council to ask that SCDC undertake a local governance review with respect to the boundary between Willingham and Over Parishes.

The Parish boundary between Over and Willingham is offset towards the built up area of the Willingham Parish. The boundary is but a few hundred metres from the main development of Willingham but several km from Over. This means that the residents of Over can have a disproportionate impact on the governance of the Willingham Parish and conversely some Over residents lack representation in areas that can significantly impact on their wellbeing. This has been illustrated in recent times by discussions on the development of the Alwyn Caravan Site and the Highgate business park. Both developments adjoin the developed area of Willingham and even have Willingham postal addresses and yet decisions as to their future lie with Over some 2 km away. This has frustrated the residents of Willingham who see the development of these two areas as significant to their village and yet they have no voice in regard to the two areas.

We recognise that this matter has been considered before but because the Parish of Over did not want a review the matter was taken no further. Since then there has been significant development in the Over parish adjacent to Willingham. We think democracy and natural justice would be best served by a review.

Yours sincerely

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Councillor Andrew Cook

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