

# Community of Chepstow

**Chepstow Town Council**

**Sandra Bushell – Chepstow Town Council Clerk**

Chepstow Town Council wishes to submit the following representations in respect of the Review of Communities and Electoral Arrangements:-

## **1. Thornwell Ward**

### **Recommendation:**

Extend the boundary of Thornwell Ward to include all of the Newhouse Farm Industrial Estate.

### **Reason(s):**

1.1. For clarity and ease of administration, currently the majority of the estate lies within Chepstow Town Council's Thornwell Ward and a small area lies within the Mathern Ward. There are no residential dwellings in this area and thus electoral numbers would be unaffected, however, by placing all of the Newhouse Farm Estate in the Thornwell Ward, reporting lines and service enquiries to elected members would be clearer.

1.2. Fairfield Mabey (now Mabey Bridge) has strong historic and economic links with Chepstow, as one of the town's oldest and largest employers. The Mabey Bridge factory will shortly relocate from Lower Chepstow to its new factory at Newhouse Farm in the minority of the estate which currently falls within Mathern.

## **2. Larkfield Ward**

### **Recommendation:**

Extend the boundary of the Larkfield Ward to include the commercial and residential properties at the top of the A48 and to the west of the Wye Valley Link Road, removing them from St Kingsmark Ward.

### **Reason(s):**

2.1. For clarity and ease of administration. These properties currently border the Larkfield Ward and lie close to residential dwellings in that ward but some considerable distance from dwellings in their current St Kingsmark Ward location. The small number of residential dwellings would have minimal impact on electoral ward numbers.

## **3. St Kingsmark Ward**

### **Recommendation:**

Extend the boundary of St Kingsmark Ward to include Chepstow Racecourse, removing it from St Arvans.

**Reason(s):**

- 3.1. For clarity, users of Chepstow Racecourse naturally assume that it lies within Chepstow and thus Chepstow Town Council is very frequently the first point of contact for queries, complaints and service enquires with regard to the Racecourse.
- 3.2. The activities of the Racecourse have greatest impact on businesses in Chepstow and on the lives of residents in Chepstow, as visitors access the Racecourse by train, coach or car necessitating travel either through the town centre and/or residential streets of Chepstow.

Save as above and in the light of our earlier representations we do not believe that any further amendments to either number of Councillors or amendments to Ward boundaries is appropriate.

**Representations received which also refer to this community:**

- [Mathern Community Council](#)