

Rottingdean Parish Council

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Local Government Boundary Commission review of Brighton and Hove Electoral Wards.

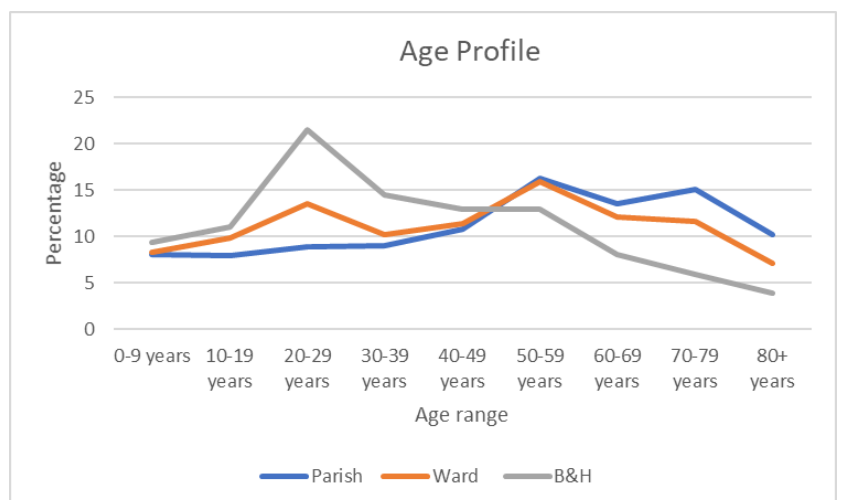
Dear Sir/Madam,

I am responding to the above review on behalf of Rottingdean Parish Council.

Rottingdean Parish as a community has some unique characteristics both in its setting and in its demography. The historic downland village of Rottingdean is located 6 km east of Brighton centre. The village is located within a long north-south aligned valley, which provides shelter from the prevailing south-westerly winds. The valley terminates at the sea to the south, at a low point in the cliffs.

Rottingdean serves as an important centre for the surrounding community and also a destination for tourists. It is a substantial village, which despite suburban development on its fringe, remains as a distinct settlement separate from the urban conurbation of Brighton and Hove. The central historic part of the village is a Conservation Area and is protected in the City Plan by a Conservation Area Statement.

The Parish settlement demography is very different from the rest of the Ward as a whole with a higher age profile. The needs of this community therefore vary from other parts of the ward and indeed Brighton and Hove as a whole. Rottingdean Parish Council is a vital part of local democracy ensuring the Rottingdean residents have much more say in the future of the village and that the specific interests of the village are directly represented in wider decisions on infrastructure and planning.



There is some merit for West Saltdean and Ovingdean to be included in the same ward as Rottingdean as many amenities are shared, including clubs, societies and adult education

classes in Rottingdean and local GP practices. It would, however, make no sense for the Parish of Rottingdean to have representation by ward councillors split between two wards, or for the viability of Rottingdean Parish Council to be undermined by such a split. This would not be conducive to community cohesion or clear effective representation and would undermine current planning, in particular the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Hayes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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