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### **Ward Boundary Review – Maidstone**

Thurnham Parish Council has considered the draft recommendations and feel that the proposals are unacceptable for the Thurnham Parish area.

Previously, the Thurnham parish area mirrored that of the MBC Ward area, the new recommendations propose to split the parish into two wards, moving the most populated area of Thurnham into a separate warded area.

Whilst not unsympathetic to the aim of reducing the overall number of MBC councillors, this proposal is unacceptable. The Parish Council would like the parish to remain in a single ward, this would benefit the electorate and the Parish Council, and we wish to be represented by one ward Councillor rather than having it split between two wards.

We are concerned that the shaping of the MBC Wards is often the pre-cursor to the moulding of the Parish boundaries. The current proposals are inimical to the future re-alignment and survival of the Thurnham Parish Council.

We feel that community allegiance must be influenced by Post Codes, which do not consider and are not meant to align with community allegiances.

Yours faithfully,

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Parish Clerk