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Harrietsham and Lenham should be retained in its current ward form. The area, including the rural areas to the south of Lenham receive a significant number of common services, including education, health, policing, shared community groups, political representation and have an overall community identity. The bizarre ward boundary change proposed by MBC will effectively cut off a large section of the community from its existing representation and community networks, linking them instead with the Headcorn Ward, with whom this section of the community have no shared community groups, access to public services or shared community identity. The proposal are also being put forward at a time when the Lenham and Harrietsham Community are being consulted on the council's proposals for an isolated new estate development in the Lenham Heath area. Removing the Lenham Heath and surrounding area from the Lenham Ward area, will negatively impact on the ongoing consultation process and the ability of the current ward community to respond and provide feedback to a proposal that will, if it goes ahead, have a massive negative impact on the current ward community. The current ward arrangement is the best fit arrangement for the Lenham and Harrietsham local community. There is no significant shared community identity between the Lenham/Harrietsham Ward and the Hollingbourne area. In conclusion, the proposed ward changes are not in the best interests on the local communities affected by the boundary changes.

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