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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 March 2022 13:08
To: reviews
Subject: Council Boundary consultation

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Dear sir/madam,

I would like to comment on the proposals to realign parts of Lenham with Headcorn as part of the boundary changes designed to reduce the number of councillors and more equally distribute the population within the relevant constituencies.

Whilst I absolutely understand the need to provide equitable support for individual communities and obviously a line must be drawn somewhere, I believe the proposal to realign parts of Lenham with Headcorn is a mistake. The Lenham community is a hub in itself and to arbitrarily draw a line to effectively separate south Lenham from the rest of the community in terms of councillor support makes no sense. There is no natural affinity with Headcorn and I would suggest that it will only increase the workload for the relevant councillors and cause confusion/frustration to the public trying to access help or support.

Your own criteria state 'new wards should reflect community interest and identities'.... & 'consider community groups and facilities....' 'New wards should promote effective and convenient local government.' None of these criteria would be met by separating Lenham into two.

All of these statements in my opinion suggest that the current southern boundary should be retained. If necessary for equity, I would suggest that the northern boundary line could more appropriately be adjusted.

Yours faithfully

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