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The proposed redrawing of Borough Ward Boundaries - in particular the annex of part of Lenham Parish into Headcorn Ward.

Dear sirs,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed redrawing of the Borough Ward boundary in relation to the parish of Lenham.

The proposal to divide the parish of Lenham into two separate Borough Wards is wholly unsatisfactory and illogical. A parish boundary represents residents who share common amenities, services, facilities and aspirations, they form a community. This community elects local people to form a Parish Council to represent them, it is the keystone of local government.

Surely therefore to serve the whole purpose and ideology of local government it is right and proper that the whole parish should be in the same Borough Ward, thus enabling the residents of the parish to elect the same Borough councillor(s) to represent them, to reflect the needs of that particular parish - not just any parish, but the parish in which those residents live and who form part of the community.

I would suggest that the proposal to annex the southern part of Lenham parish so that the residents there do not have the same ability as other members of their parish to elect the same Borough Ward councillors(s) is improper. It does I believe go against one of the main cornerstones of local government and this country's electoral structure. It would deprive residents of the same parish of being able to vote for the same elected Borough councillor(s) to represent them.

Those residents in the proposed annexed part of the parish are part of Lenham parish and community. As such they expect and have the right to vote for the same elected Borough councillor(s) as fellow residents of their parish, who just happen to be the other side of the Borough Ward boundary line.

Whilst I appreciate the difficulty in redrawing the Borough Ward boundaries, I sincerely hope that dividing Lenham Parish into two separate Borough Wards and thereby having residents of the same parish voting for two completely separate Borough councillors is rethought. To retain the ethos, relevance to local residents and integrity of local government, the whole parish of Lenham must remain within the same Borough Ward.

Yours sincerely,

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