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The
Local Government
Boundary Commission
for England

Dear Commissioners,

I wish to protest in the strongest terms at the proposals made by Maidstone Borough Council to alter the boundaries of the Parish of Lenham. The Council has failed to note the existence of our local neighbourhood plan which has been passed by The Independent Examiner: Derek Stebbing BA(Hons) DipEP MRTPI Date of Report: 30 June 2020

[http://www.lenhamparish.org.uk/shared/attachments.asp?
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Neighbourhood%2DPlan%2DExaminer%2DReport%2D300620%2Epdf](http://www.lenhamparish.org.uk/shared/attachments.asp?f=19e8b730%2D4253%2D4ffb%2D84e0%2Dde5e018dff9c%2Epdf&o=Lenham%2DNeighbourhood%2DPlan%2DExaminer%2DReport%2D300620%2Epdf)

The Plan was voted upon by the local residents who approved it with a majority of 92%; it remains in force until 2031

The Plan is made for the whole of the parish of Lenham as shown on pages 46 and 47 48. The Plan includes 3 major plots Nos 2,3 and 4 which are south of the railway line. Exclusion of these from the future development plan would :-

A) unbalance the village development since housing developments are:-

Plot2 110, Plot3 230, Plot4, 110

Thus removing 450 new dwellings from a planned total of 1,000 houses to be built before 2031.

The area removed by this proposal has formed part of the Parish since the Middle Ages and the proposal seeks to link a substantial area to Headcorn 7 miles away which has no ties with Lenham.

Moreover, the developments 2,3 & 4, will provide substantial financial benefit to Headcorn which will therefore not be available to complete the Lenham Plan in terms of funding of schools, open space and the village amenities.

One might speculate that the principle aim of the proposers of this boundary change is to benefit Headcorn which is some 7 miles away and has its own Local Development Plan

Yours sincerely,

