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Boundary review consultation –

So, from the Ashford Borough Council website I see that you are having a “consultation” but all the links I can find provide no means of providing any feedback! Finally, I have found an email address. You have a fancy map page and even words to say I can redraw boundaries.....but HOW? I am sure you have spent lots of money but it has been totally ineffective!

https://www.lgbce.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/28604/CEX-letter.pdf

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/8512>

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/news/electoral-review/have-your-say-on-new-council-ward-boundaries-for-ashford>

My comment:

I live in Charing Heath and made my views known when the Boundary Commission separated Charing Heath from Charing several years ago. Charing Parish Council covers both Charing and Charing Heath but with Charing Heath diverted into Weald Central – a double councillor ward with a centre of gravity several miles to the south, we get no representation in Ashford Borough Council – the two councillors are always living way to the south of us.

This is now being doubly reinforced by the proposed Parliamentary constituency boundaries, which places Charing Heath at the extreme North East of a constituency that stretches well beyond Tunbridge Wells.

Please consider:

- 1) Reuniting Charing and Charing Heath
- 2) If you are unable to do this please create wards with single councillors and cut Weald Central into two separate wards; this might allow Charing Heath to reunite with Charing at the parliamentary level.

With regards

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