

## Ashford District

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### Comment text:

Dear Sirs, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft proposals for Ashford. We note your recommendations for revised wards and, as they essentially involve no changes for the Civil Parish of Newenden, have no comments to make in relation to the proposed new boundaries. However, we would like to propose an amendment to the name of the Rolvenden and Tenterden West ward, to better reflect its constituent parts and to recognise the historic and ongoing significance of Newenden. We would like to suggest that the ward be renamed "Newenden, Rolvenden and Tenterden West" - the order of the names simply reflecting alphabetic precedence. Newenden is a small village - indeed we believe it is the smallest parish in Kent still to have its own Parish Council - but it does have a very active community, constantly showing high levels of election turnout and with well supported Parish Council and other public meetings. Historically, it was one of the few market towns in Kent, outside the main boroughs, and had special legal status as a Township until the local government reforms of the 1860's. Today, located as it is at the very edge of Ashford borough, it works hard to avoid being overlooked in larger contexts. Changing the ward name as suggested would give recognition to the village and would surely boost civic pride in the village, as well as interest in local affairs and elections. Yours faithfully Åke Nilson Chairman, Newenden Parish Council

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded