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Please find attached two documents making suggestions for new ward boundaries for the Central Ashford area.

These have been discussed and agreed by the Trustees of the Central Ashford Community Forum.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

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Central Ashford Community Forum

Suggested Ward Boundaries for Central Ashford, Kent

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The current ward boundaries for the area covered by the Forum are considered by the Trustees of the Central Ashford Community Forum (CACF) to be very unsatisfactory. Most of the area currently consists of three two member wards.

Ashford Borough has a four year cycle of elections so there is no benefit to having two member wards. Our Trustees (committee members) believe that our area would be better served by smaller wards with only one councillor per ward. The current situation is particularly unsatisfactory in one current ward, Victoria. This covers the town centre, and a few residential streets to the north, but the bulk of the population is in south Ashford (not our area). This is the other side of the railway line, a major barrier with very few crossing points. In addition, this ward in recent years has had two councillors from different parties which makes it harder for them to co-operate.

Stour Ward is a long narrow ward which wraps around the town centre so that the two ends of the ward are very far apart and thus very different communities. It is very hard for a new councillor to get to grips with the diversity of the area they are responsible for, not to mention the problems of canvassing such a large population.

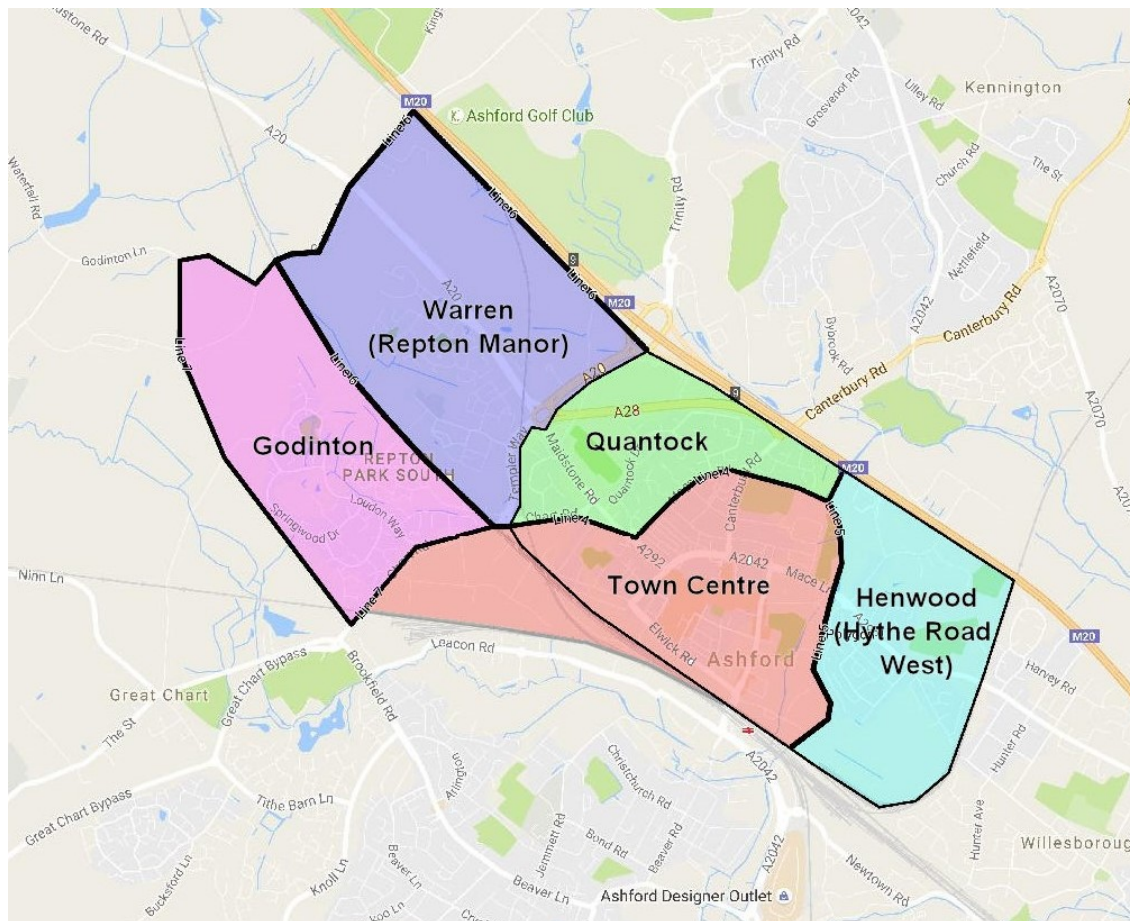
The third two member ward is Godinton, further out of town. Trustees have fewer objections to this being a two member ward as the area is quite self-contained, with most residents having similar needs. It is also controlled by two councillors from the same party.

The remaining Central Ashford Community Forum area is covered by part of Bockhanger ward, the bulk of which is in the Kennington Community Forum area, on the northern side of the M20 motorway, a major barrier with very few crossing points. Only a few streets south of the M20 are included in this ward, and the Warren, a wooded public area owned by Ashford Borough Council. The area to the west of the Warren, which is also in Bockhanger is a long way out of the centre of Ashford and borders with Westwell Parish. In the recent Local Governance Review by Ashford Borough Council the residents of Sandyhurst Lane (which is the western boundary of Bockhanger) asked that all their residents (on both sides of the road) be included in Westwell Parish. The CACF Trustees also suggested that the Forum area include The Warren but exclude Sandyhurst Lane and the residential side roads to the east. The Ashford Borough Councillors agreed that this was appropriate.

Suggested New Wards

Our proposal suggests a way to divide up our area. As it currently has a total population of about 10,500 we suggest that five single member wards are created. More building is planned and in progress throughout the area so the population is rising all the time. We have aimed to keep the boundaries easily recognised and significant. We have also suggested some names which should make it easier for residents to identify with their own ward. The other Forums that have boundaries with our area are making proposals of their own and have supported our suggestions.

The map of the proposed boundaries of the five wards is reproduced below:



I have also provided an Excel spreadsheet with the street data showing how the area is apportioned between the five wards. We believe this layout of wards is more logical as each ward is quite compact when compared to the current arrangement. Also residents are more likely to know who their ward member is as there will be only one. Ward members will be able to concentrate their efforts on a smaller area and deal with fewer residents, more likely to have similar issues relating to their community. We believe this would improve democratic representation in Central Ashford.

The five wards are:

- North-west Town Centre, suggested name *Quantock* after the main housing estate in the centre of the ward. The boundaries of this ward would be three main roads (Chart Road, Templer Way and Fougères Way), the M20, an ancient lane (Northbrooke Lane) running to the north of the cemetery on Canterbury Road and the Great Stour River. This area is almost entirely residential except for a hotel and supermarkets north of Simone Weil Avenue, Highworth Grammar, St Mary's and St Teresa's Primary Schools, and the Furley Hall, the HQ of St John's Ambulance Service, currently used as a polling station.
- Town Centre Ward, suggested name *Town Ward*. This includes the town centre itself and residential properties surrounding it that are within easy walking distance of the town. Its boundaries are the Railway Lines to the south, major roads (Chart and Magazine),

Northbrooke Lane and the East Stour River. As well as shops in the centre there are also two parks (North Park and the Memorial Gardens), Ashford School and a cemetery. The current polling station is the St Mary's Church Parish Hall, right in the centre of the town. To the south and west of this area, between the Maidstone and High Speed railways lines there is an industrial estate, Cobbs Wood. There are no residential properties in this area.

- East Ward, suggested possible names *Henwood*, *East Stour* or *Hythe Road West*. The boundaries are the railway lines to the east (the Canterbury line) and south, the M20 to the north and the East and Great Stour rivers to the west. This is largely residential with some local shops and two secondary schools (Norton Knatchbull and the North), but also includes the large Henwood Industrial Estate which borders on the M20 and the Queen Mother's Park along the Great Stour River.
- The remaining two wards lie to the north-west of the town and cover The Warren and the housing estates Godinton, Repton Manor and Orchard Heights. We have divided the area into two along the HS1 railway line which is the most obvious feature. However, the population is not then evenly divided, with the current elector figures of 1616 for the eastern ward, and 2553 for the western ward. Much of this area is currently covered by a two member ward, Godinton, and there is an argument for suggesting it remains as such. The estates are all relatively new, and there is more building going on all the time. The residents are all some way out of town, mostly beyond walking distance to town and the community is fairly self-sufficient with its own primary school and shops. Also the ward members historically have always been of the same party which makes liaison better. If the area was divided, the eastern ward could be called *Warren*, *Repton Manor* or *Templer* (after the old barracks, now being developed for housing) and the western ward *Godinton*. If they were combined it would be logical to call the two member ward *Godinton*, the current name, although the boundaries have been significantly changed from the current Godinton ward. The northern and western boundaries remain the same as they extend out into the rural area to the Hothfield Parish and Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council boundaries. The boundary with Westwell Parish council to the north-east should be changed as already suggested. The other boundaries to the east and south are the M20, Fougères Way, Templer Way and Chart Road, all significant major roads.

We expect the other Community Forums covering Ashford urban area to submit their own suggested wards for their own areas. We expect them to be coterminous with our suggestions, Kennington to the north along the M20, Willesborough to the east along the Canterbury Railway line and South Ashford to the south, along the main railway line.

For further information about the Ashford Community Forums please go to our website:

<http://www.centralashfordcf.kentparishes.gov.uk/default.cfm?pid=1223>

Emily Neighbour, Secretary, Central Ashford Community Forum



DistrictRef	DistrictRefName	StreetName	StreetElectorCount	NW Ward 1	TC Ward 2	E Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Westwell
BO2	BO2 - The Warren	Hoads Wood Garder	88						88
BO2	BO2 - The Warren	Maidstone Road	56				56		
BO2	BO2 - The Warren	Potters Close	17						17
BO2	BO2 - The Warren	Sandyhurst Lane	200						200
BO2	BO2 - The Warren	Simone Weil Avenue	66				66		
BO2	BO2 - The Warren	Warren Lane	57	57					
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Almond Close	48				48		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Ashgrove	17				17		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Barley Mow View	37				37		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Barrow Hill	34		34				
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Barrow Hill Cottages	30		30				
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Barrow Hill Place	20		20				
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Blossom Lane	61					61	
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Brigadier Gardens	79					79	
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Brunswick Road							
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Chart Road	72	72					
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Cherrywood Rise	96				96		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Eastern Avenue	67		67				
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Elmhurst Close	37				37		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Farrier Close	22				22		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Forest Avenue	122				122		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Forge Lane	11				11		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Frederick Benson M	7				7		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Godinton Lane	7				7		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Godinton Road	198		198				
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Hazel Heights	65					65	
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Hill Rise	34				34		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Intelligence Walk	22				22		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	James Ewart Avenue	10				10		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	James Street	34		34				
GO1	GO1 - Repton	John Coates Lane	14				14		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	John Coulthard Drive	14				14		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Kings Avenue	76		76				
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Kipling Road	35		35				
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Lancaster Way	30				30		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Landbury Walk	54				54		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Littlebrook Close	11	11					
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Littlebrook Road	61	61					
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Lodge Wood Drive	71				71		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Maidstone Road	39	39			39		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Manor Way	34	34					
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Marlowe Road	27		27				
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Meadow Road	29	29					
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Milton Road	32		32				
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Mount View	21				21		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	New Street							
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Norwood Gardens	34				34		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Ordinance Way	22				22		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Pembury Place	31				31		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Pondmore Way	45				45		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Rene Mac Kisray Pla	22				22		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Repton Avenue	16				16		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Repton Manor Road	124	124					
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Romney Point	45				45		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Rosewood Drive	48				48		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Rupert Turrall Place	0				0		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Sackville Crescent	43		43				
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Sir Bernard Paget Av	89				89		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Sir Henry Brackenbu	3				3		
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Sir John Fogge Aveni	83				83		

GO1	GO1 - Repton	Squirrel Lane	31		31
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Sun Rise	25		25
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Warren View	33		33
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Western Avenue	125	125	
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Wyndham Way	35		35
GO1	GO1 - Repton	Wyndy Lane	14		14
GO2	GO2 - Godinton Parl	Ash Close	37		37
GO2	GO2 - Godinton Parl	Aspen Drive	44		44
GO2	GO2 - Godinton Parl	Butternut Copse	29		29
GO2	GO2 - Godinton Parl	Cedar Close	33		33
GO2	GO2 - Godinton Parl	Chestnut Close	33		33
GO2	GO2 - Godinton Parl	Cypress Avenue	131		131
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GO2	GO2 - Godinton Parl	East Lodge Road	89		89
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GO2	GO2 - Godinton Parl	Harry Saunders Lane	28		28
GO2	GO2 - Godinton Parl	Heartwood Drive	29		29
GO2	GO2 - Godinton Parl	Holly Meadows	32		32
GO2	GO2 - Godinton Parl	Hornbeam Close	39		39
GO2	GO2 - Godinton Parl	Jack Dunbar Place	50		50
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ST1	ST1 - Northbrooke	Belmore Park	117	117	
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ST1	ST1 - Northbrooke	Brecon Rise	23	23	
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ST1	ST1 - Northbrooke	Brooke Road	40	40	

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VI2	VI2 - Town Centre	Albert Road	65		65
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