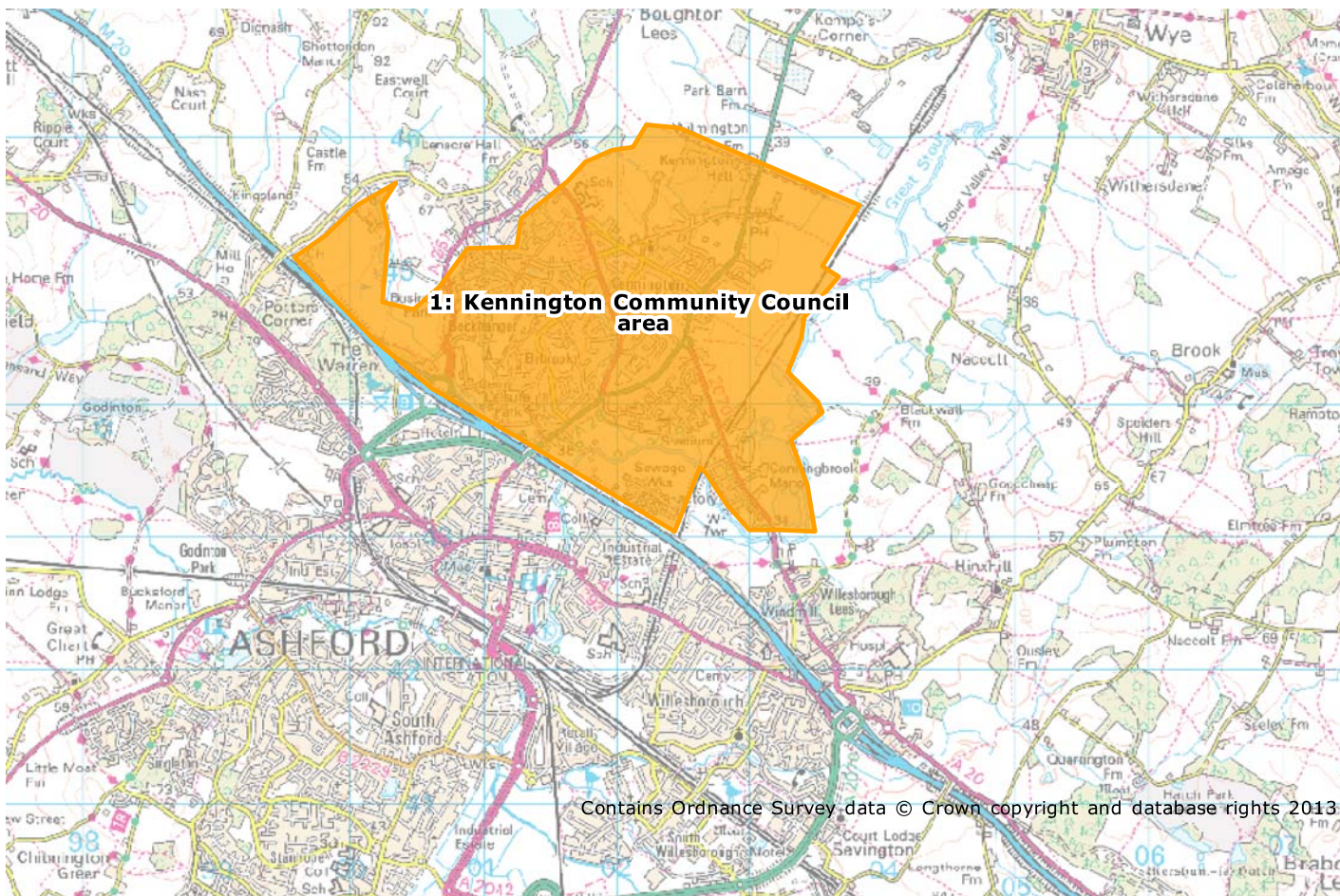


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Annotation 1: Kennington Community Council area

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This response is on behalf of Kennington Community Forum, which represents residents in the borough wards of Kennington, Little Burton, Bybrook, Bockhanger (part) and Boughton Aluph (part). It refers to the area shown in the online map, which is the area determined in ABC's Community Governance Review in 2015 to become a parish, Kennington Community Council, from May 2019. Following consultation with residents, we note and suggest the following: a) A new pattern of borough wards should be established, which are coterminous with the boundaries of the proposed Kennington Community Council b) The "parish" wards of the proposed Community Council should be aligned with the new borough wards. This will give a stronger relationship between the borough ward councillors and the community ward councillors. (ABC's draft Reorganisation Order would need to be amended to enable this) c) Houses along the east side of Sandyhurst Lane will be transferring to Westwell Parish Council from 2019, and will not be part of the Community Council. d) Residents of Polling District Kennington North are not well served by current warding arrangements. They are within the urban boundary, with an urban identity, but come under Boughton Aluph and Eastwell borough ward which is significantly rural in outlook and heavily influenced by the parish council which also serves a rural electorate. They are also on the edge of the county division, being the only part of Ashford Rural West which falls within the urban area. e) We have discussed proposals with neighbouring community forums. We have agreed with Central Ashford Community Forum that the part of Bockhanger ward which is south of the M20 should be included in warding arrangements for central Ashford, and not split across the motorway or across the Community Council; boundary. f) Generally speaking, ward boundaries in built-up areas to follow major roads, which gives stronger identifies. g) In broad terms, we suggest four wards as follows (please see uploaded map): i) Kennington ward adjusted to incorporate the current Kennington North polling district but remove area to the east of A28 Canterbury Road ii) Bockhanger ward adjusted to remove area south of M20 (to central Ashford). Western boundary to run behind houses on east side of Sandyhurst Lane as these transfer to Westwell PC in 2019. Eastern boundary to be along Canterbury Road, north from M20, then follow Bybrook Road. Working title "Grosvenor", in line with suggestion in CGR. iii) Bybrook ward western boundary revised to follow Bybrook Road. The original "Great Burton Estate" bounded by Faversham Road, Canterbury Road (north of Penlee Point, and The Ridge, to be incorporated into Bybrook ward. Residents of Great Burton Estate have commented that they have much stronger affiliation to Bybrook as the estates are of similar vintage, share community services such as local shops, libraries, open spaces; and that they have very little in common with Little Burton Farm which is much newer, is separated from Great Burton by a very busy road, and has a

different demographic. iv) Little Burton Farm to form the core of a new ward (working title "Spearpoint") and to incorporate area bounded by A28 Canterbury Road, urban boundary, Ashford-Canterbury railway (at northern end) then River Stour, and A2070 Willesborough Road. We have not done a detailed statistical analysis, but this would give four wards of similar size, broadly in line with overall ward size recommendations for the borough. We believe our proposal follows the wishes of residents as discussed at our regular meetings, and through specific meetings related to the CGR in our area. *** mapping to follow by separate e-mail ***

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