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*Dear Sir*

**Electoral Review of Tonbridge & Malling: Draft Recommendations**

I write in response to the above consultation as Member of Parliament for Chatham & Aylesford, part of which covers Tonbridge & Malling.

I would like to associate myself with the Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council's formal response regarding the draft recommendations on the electoral arrangements for Tonbridge & Malling in its entirety.

I have also recently been visited at my advice surgery by constituents who have particular concerns over the decision to split the Aylesford parish and the removal of Robson Drive in creating the Aylesford South and Ditton wards. Once again, I share concerns that this splits the two historic parishes of Aylesford and Ditton which is not in the best interest of the local community or electorate. In considering this proposal in particular, I would like to draw the Commission's attention to the statutory criteria to "provide boundaries that reflect natural communities" in developing warding arrangements.

I therefore support the proposals as submitted by Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

Yours sincerely

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