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Hello. I have 3 areas that I believe are currently in need of revision, due to construction of homes and communal facilities. All 3 of these areas need to be revised in order to ensure community identities and interests and to provide effective and convenient Local Government. 1) Vinters Park Estate. There is an eastern section of the estate, to the east of Hampton Road and comprising homes around Bargrove Road, that currently lies within the parish of Boxley whilst the majority of the estate is within the Maidstone Borough area. This makes for a lack of cohesion with the rest of the estate and it's services such as the estate shops and bus services and the Vinters Park Community Centre. 2) Grove Green Estate. There is an eastern and a North-Eastern section that are currently separated from the main Grove Green Estate. The majority of the Grove Green Estate is within Boxley Parish and Boxley Maidstone Ward. The North-Eastern section that is south of Ware Street and comprising homes mainly around the northern part of Averanches Road, Fulbert Road and most of Peverel Drive is currently separated off into part of Thurnham Parish and the Detling & Thurnham Maidstone Ward. The South Eastern section of the Grove Green Estate is within the Boxley Parish but is within the Detling & Thurnham Maidstone Ward. This separates sections of the estate away from the community identities and interests such as the shopping centre, that includes a large Tesco and Doctors surgery together with the communal village hall and services such as bus routes and the provision of Maidstone Borough and Kent County Council services. It also results in lack of cohesion of effective and convenient Local Government with different bodies having different areas to be responsible for and denies n overall representation of matters concerning the whole estate. 3) Poplar Close, Rosemount and Orchard Drive. This area south of the railway line and north of the Ashford Road (A20) is currently within Maidstone area when looking at parishes. however looking at Wards, it is excluded from the Maidstone Ward and included within Detling and Thurnham Ward, an area with which it has no connection either geographically or any community identities and interests. This small area would be much more effectively and conveniently administered if the Ward boundary was the same as the boundary for Maidstone. By virtue of currently being included within the Detling and Turnham Ward, this small area has also has it's MP as the Faversham and Mid-Kent MP with which it has no community identity or link and by inclusion within Maidstone Ward it could lead to the residents being included in the Parliamentary area of the town in which they live and not one some 30 minutes and 20 miles away.

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