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We live at [REDACTED], Lenham Heath, within the Harrietsham and Lenham ward of Maidstone Borough, and strongly feel the proposal to divide the Lenham parish area for future Borough elections should be dismissed. We believe that Lenham Heath along with Platts Heath, Sandway, Liverton Hill and all the isolated homes in the south Lenham area (south of the railway line) are firmly attached to Lenham and reflect community interests and identity there, so should remain part of the Harrietsham and Lenham Borough ward. We do not wish this most unfair proposal to be imposed by Maidstone Borough Council, in its Boundary Commission response, to join us to Headcorn ward thus effectively cutting our small rural community in half. The two adjoining parishes of Lenham and Harrietsham operate as one sharing for example the local GP practice, secondary school, the same Kent County councillor, Local Community Warden and local PCSOs. Numerous local organisations involve residents from both parishes and are easily accessible.

There are no direct links or any connections whatsoever with Headcorn which is some 10 miles away. Furthermore there is no direct public transport access to that area necessitating a 10 mile journey into Maidstone and another 10 miles back out to Headcorn, a round trip of 40 miles! The proposal to adopt a railway line as a boundary seems ludicrous. Maidstone Borough Council is trying its hardest to destroy our community. Lenham should be kept together as we have no connection with Headcorn.

Kind regards

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