

Maidstone Borough Council

Personal Details:

Name:

E-mail:

Postcode:

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

My comments refer to the proposed Senacre ward. I have lived at my current address at Sendles Field for around 18 months. This is part of the new 'Bicknor Wood' development. I note that one of your main drivers for making these changes is to "Create boundaries that are appropriate, and reflect community ties and identities". I'm afraid that I cannot see how a single councillor could achieve this aim or represent the shared interests of this proposed ward. To begin, there is not even a road connection between the north and south of the proposed ward. There are shops to the north of Senacre but to get there people in the south will drive past a parade in Willington Street, Shepway. In practice our nearest and most practical shops to use are on the Langley Park estate or off of Sutton Road. The northern area of Senacre is a well established community with road connections to Shepway. The new estates to the south that you are proposing to include are already beginning to build their own identity, partly through a locally run Facebook group and also through the community initiative at Bicknor Wood. This initiative has already forged close relationships with Otham Parish and received funding from them. We have easy road links to the estates/shops to the south of Sutton Road and once Monchelsea Park is fully opened these will also be within easy walking distance. One of my daughters lives on a neighbouring estate, one of her children attends a play school at Otham Village Hall, the other goes to Madginford Primary in Bearsted that we access via Church Road. We are all registered with the doctors surgery in Langley. Other than occasionally walking my dog in the playing field adjacent to Gore Court Road, my daily routine has no connection to northern part of Senacre at all. I would suggest that my experience is fairly typical of other residents on my estate. I understand your wish to balance the number of residents across the wards, but I do not believe that the creation of 'Senacre' is the best way of achieving that aim. Submitted for your consideration.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded