

Gravesham Borough Council

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The Shorne, Cobham and Luddesdown Ward is the most rural ward in Gravesham. It covers almost a third of Gravesham but represents only 4% of the population. We are currently represented by a Borough Councillor who lives in the area, understands the issues we are dealing with and attends all of our Parish Council meetings. Previously we had an urban councillor who introduced himself once and was never seen again as our needs were very different from Gravesend. The whole of Luddesdown is an AONB agricultural area with narrow country lanes and fields with hedgerow boundaries. Wildlife and conservation are important issues for us. It is an area heavily used for recreation by horse riders, cyclists, runners and dog walkers. Our problems are fly tipping, rural theft, speeding vehicles and off road bikes and large lorries on single track roads which also become rat runs when A roads have traffic holdups. We share with Cobham the likelihood of excess traffic on our lanes from the A2/M2 due to the The Lower Thames Crossing. We have no street lighting, yellow lines or parking issues. We have poor internet and mobile phone connectivity although only 30 miles from London. We are installing CCTV with guidance from GBC to combat fly tipping. We are very closely linked with Cobham. 60% of our residents live in the north of Luddesdown, approximately one mile from Cobham, and use the shops, pubs, schools, clubs and sports facilities there. Cobham Colts football team use the Luddesdown recreational ground. The historic churches of Cobham and Luddesdown work together and share a Vicar. We are anxious that our Ward should not be broken up and linked with urban areas which have no common issues or understanding of our AONB status.

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