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Dear Sir or madam,

I am submitting to you this document glving my views, ideas and objections to the Commissions proposed boundary changes . My full contact details are at the end of the document.

Please note that I will be sending additional photographs of Dering Way and Chalk and surrounding areas by post to NE14 9 FE by the end of the week and would be grateful if you could make a note that I will be submitting additional paperwork which you can hopefully tie up with this email giving my name and postcode. Thankyou.



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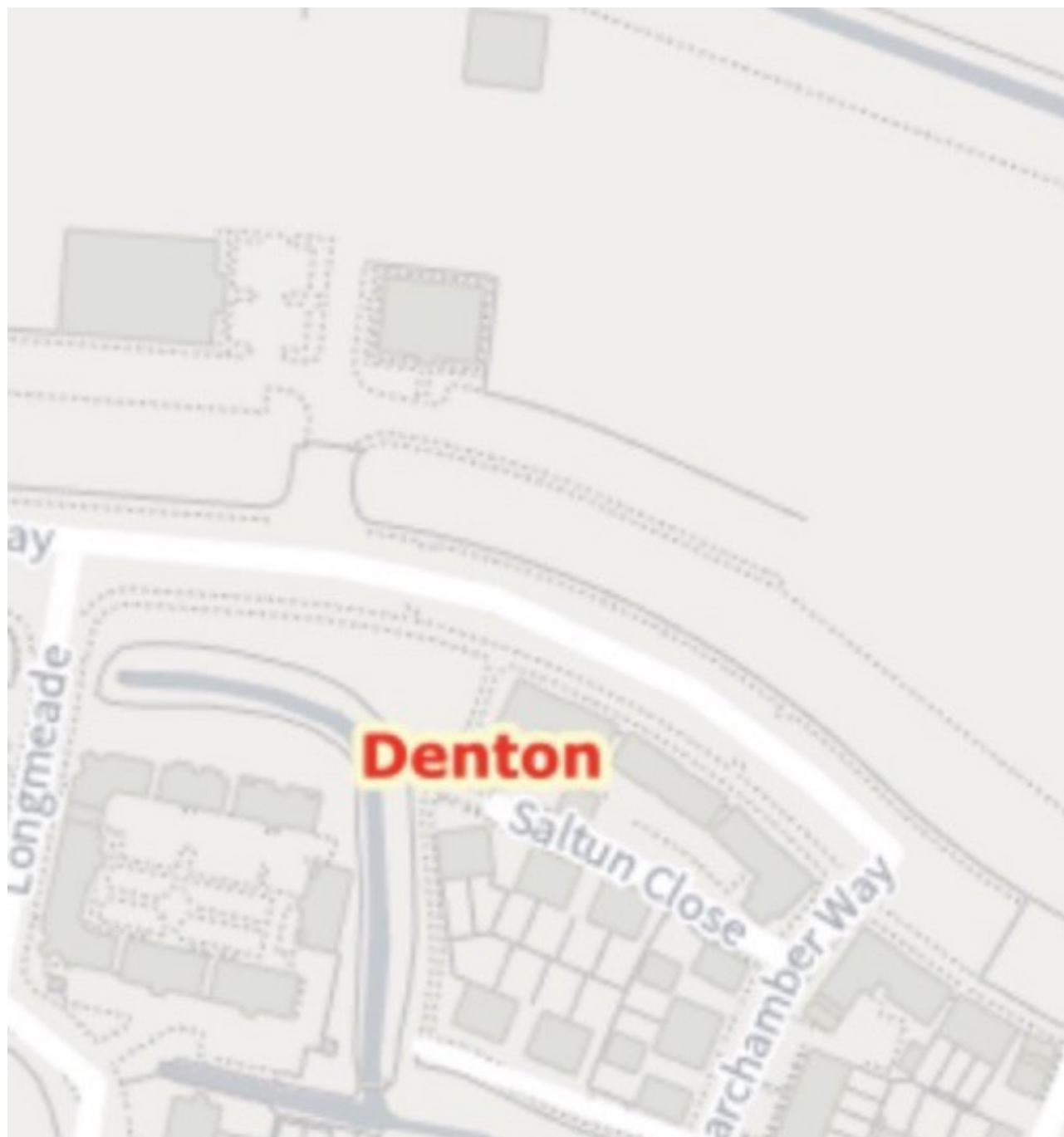
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Existing Arrangements / Recommendations		
Polling District	Description of Polling District	Polling Place
P. Gravesend - Chalk	The Chalk Ward of the Borough of Gravesham.	At or near Chalk Church Hall, Lower Higham Road.
Electorate	Accessibility/Other issues	
2011 = 1744	No issues identified.	
2014 = 1762	Not suitable for a double polling station and no such requirement expected.	
2019 = 1796		
Returning Officer's comments/proposals P – Chalk		
Accessible and appropriate for electorate		No Change

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Polling District	Description of Polling District	Polling Place
Q. Gravesend - Westcourt, Lorton Close	The part of the Westcourt Ward of the Borough of Gravesham, south of Old Road East, east of Valley Drive and north of a line from the junction of Valley Drive and St Benedict's Avenue, east to the junction of St Benedict's Avenue and St Gregory's Crescent then north and east to the rear	At or near Westcourt School, Community Hall, Silver Road.

Sent from my iPad

Re: Gravesham East proposed boundary changes

Parts of and including: Chalk Ward, Riverside Ward, Westcourt Ward, Central Ward.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a resident of Gravesend East district, my full details are at the end of my submission. [REDACTED]

I will be mailing additional notes and photos to the Review Officer, LGBCE, PO BOX 133, NE14 9 FE and would be grateful if you could make a note of this and link both these notes and the additional notes I will be posting by the end of the week. The majority of these enclosures will be photographs and maps to give you a clearer picture of the local area of Dering Way, The Hoplands Estate, Chalk, Denton Gravesend East.

Please note that the wiggly yellow lines drawn on some maps denote my proposal suggestions for the minimal removal of some boundaries.

Dering Way and round into Dalefield Way are the ideal roads to re configure a revised new boundary line which completely encompasses the residential housing estate between Damigos Road and Barchamber Way vehicle access into the estate to compact the 20 roads and 987 electorates into the Chalk Ward community.

I would like it noted that I oppose the changing of the residential housing development Ward name where I live [REDACTED], that the Commission is proposing to change from the name of our existing Riverside Ward to Denton. Myself and many residents in this particular area feel that our area built approx 1990's to 2016 has now reached its completed size of development has had a change in population that I assume has just been added into the figures and according to Electorates records at Gravesham Borough Council, total 987 electorates in the area that was originally in the Chalk Ward when I bought this house, but each time there is an Electoral boundary review, the name changes but still always has the connection with Denton. We would really like to be back in Chalk and oppose the Ward name change unless it is reverted back to Chalk.

Our property address here at Medbury Road was called, (The Meadows, Chalk), back in 2005. A few years later it was changed to Riverside, and now it seems we are to be included into Chalk for Electoral and equality purposes.

I believe that there has not been a review of a boundary change in Gravesham for at least 10 to 15 years. This recent consultation has been done by virtual technology because of Covid. I recently visited the Civic Centre in Gravesend, and was allowed whilst

accompanied by a member of staff from the electoral department, I was able to review the 20 roads in this residential area, which is occasionally referred to still as the Hoplands Estate . Searching each road the total number of electorates numbered 989.

I would like to propose that the existing boundary which ends at the rear gates half way down Dering Way be e at full length of Dering Way be extended to the full length of Dering Way to the bottom roundabout (just before) and the boundary continue right into Dalefield Way to the full length and end of the residential housing.

Originally Damigos Road was the only Road into the estate but there now is a 2nd route off Dalefield Way into Barchamber Way.

I would like to propose for consideration that these 989 electorates be removed from the existing Riverside ward, and not be included in the Denton figures, but should in fact be included into the total of Chalk Ward. I understand that the proposed name change will be Chalk and Westcourt Wards and will be under three counsellors. I believe that there were originally too few electorates in Chalk alone and so it was decided to join two Wards together as both the number of councilors and Wards throughout Gravesham had to be reduced.

In order to achieve equal balance and variances of the number of electors per counsellor, I believe there is room to re-jiggle and make minor adjustments to the proposed boundaries by taking another look at the ward names and roads where by I believe some of Westcourt could be moved over into Denton, and part of Denton could be moved slightly to adjust the boundary into town central. I will expand on this in my paperwork that I am going to send as it is too much to email.

I have two main points that I would like to raise my views on why me and most of the people living in my area do not want to be associated with the district of the Denton Ward.

(1) Denton has long been associated and known as an area which has considerable trouble spots of crime, rubbish dumping, and not an area that we residents do not like to walk in this district. At present our polling station is Riverside community hall. I myself and others will not go over to vote in this district which is to say the least a little unsavoury, so I will only do postal votes. There are many, myself included that believe living with the Denton Ward connection that it could be quite detrimental to our house prices, sales, valuations and insurance but Estate agents tell us differently.

If we were to revert back to where we feel we should be, which is in the Ward of Chalk, then we could go back to voting at the Chalk Village Hall. We have no connection or community similarities with Denton.

(2) We have a connection with Chalk, the back of the residential houses back onto Chalk. We have the Chalk Village Hall which has clubs, activities and meetings there. We have our own dedicated 190 bus service which runs from Gillingham depot, through to Chatham Strood, and Rochester and Chalk. This bus service was set up for residents living on the estate down off Dering Way by the Damigos Road bus stop and shelter. To give us a connection to both Medway towns and Gravesend.

We strongly feel that our little residential area should have its own identity as Chalk and not part of Denton by extending the boundary line which exists and ends at the moment at the rear of the railings of NWK College which ends just halfway down Dering Way from Lower Higham Road towards the Lion Roundabout.

My proposal that I would like to submit is to please consider extending the Chalk boundary from Lower Higham Road, past the Maltings Enterprise Centre, past the Church, the City of Praise, and continue Round the corner down the centre of the Dering Way, right the way to the bottom roundabout to the junction of Dalefield Way and right the way along and pass Barchamber Way to the end where it would meet up with the Chalk boundary. Please see map diagrams being sent for clearer explanations.

Within my proposal to remove all the boundaries currently enclosing all the houses and flats enclosed by entry into Damigos Road / Dering Way, our residential plot, to remove existing invisible boundary line currently backing onto Great Clayne Road and Malthouse Field which would then be opened up to the land to be a part of the Chalk Ward. I realise this would allow views only from the rear of the new estate across into Chalk and would not allow access directly from the residential houses into Copperfield Close, Lower Higham Road, but would merely allow our posting and voting rights as electors to be included in Chalk.

My proposal to remove a minority of boundary sections is, at the end of the Northwest Kent College railings in Dering Way, and remove the boundary enclosing the whole of the North West Kent College which of course does come within the Chalk Ward. It makes no sense to have a boundary that stops halfway down a road.

There is a Road in Lower Higham Road just past the shops and caravan park called Copperfield Close. When studying the maps carefully it can be seen the the rear boundary of Great Clayne Road is within a 'stones throw' separated only by a few shrubs from Copperfield Close in Chalk. Would there be a way of a minimal change of boundary linking these 2 points in order to adopt this residential housing estate as within the Chalk Ward.

By including us as part of the Chalk Ward, we would be able to regain our identity again after many years, and not just be known, as the houses down by the travellers site!

