

Maidstone Borough Council

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Staplehurst Parish Council met on 14th March 2022 and considered the Boundary Commissions Review for Maidstone Borough Council. We are pleased to see that the current proposals would retain the boundary between Maidstone Borough Council's Ward Member for Staplehurst with the Staplehurst Parish boundary. The Parish Council strongly believes that it is important for the boundary relationship between the Ward Member and the Parish Council is retained to appropriately and effectively represent the community of Staplehurst. Staplehurst is one of the larger parish within the borough and has unique qualities within the borough. We are the main gateway village for those travelling to the county town from the South with the A229 passing through the middle of the village. Many of our amenities (such as our public transport (railway station)) are shared with other neighbouring parishes and district/borough areas, including Cranbrook, Hawkhurst, Sissinghurst in Tunbridge Wells. Therefore, it is important for the community that our Ward Member(s) are able to work within the Maidstone Borough but work with counterparts in other local authorities, such as Tunbridge Wells. We would strongly urge the Commission to retain the boundary for the Staplehurst Ward to match the Parish Council boundary in the Final Report and recommendations towards the end of the Commissions Boundary Review process.

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