

## Maidstone Borough Council

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### Comment text:

Sutton Valence Parish (including Hawkenbury), is a rural parish, and has always been known as one of the Three Suttons. There is a strong connection between: Sutton Valence, East Sutton and Chart Sutton as they are all farming communities, and the issues that arise are normally related to this. Sutton Valence has been previously linked with Langley, which was at one point a farming community. The development that has taken place in Langley in the last few years has resulted in a very sub-urban area for most of Langley, and therefore very few similarities. The size that Langley has expanded has made Sutton Valence the poor relation in this ward. A Councillor that represents Langley will have a very different portfolio to the one in Sutton Valence. The same objections arise if Sutton Valence is linked with Headcorn. To be joined with Headcorn as a rural service centre would be in conflict with the issues of a larger village. The issues of a rural service centre would overwhelm the issues of a larger village. The local plan identified the rural service centres and larger villages as areas that could sustain more development. To join two of these would go against the fundamental concept of the local plan. We understand that population is the main criteria, so if it was deemed necessary for Sutton Valence and Langley to remain as one, we propose that you divide Langley, and that Langley Heath remains with Sutton Valence, and that Langley Park becomes a separate entity with its own member. If the boundary remains the same, we believe that there should be two members to represent this area

### Uploaded Documents:

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