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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to you to express my concern over the proposed changes to the Harrietsham and Lenham ward boundaries proposed by Maidstone Borough Council.

The current ward consists of two parishes (Harrietsham and Lenham) which are represented by two elected Members and the same KCC Councillor.

These parishes share many local facilities, infrastructure and characteristics, sitting on the edge of the Borough away from other large settlements and accessed via the A20.

The suggestion from Lenham Parish Council to incorporate parts of the North Downs ward to the north of Lenham would appear sensible, as this area is already closely associated with Lenham.

However, I am concerned by MBC's proposal to move parts of the southern part of the ward into Headcorn ward. The areas in question are far more closely linked with Lenham, and would be impacted by the Heathlands garden settlement proposed by Maidstone Borough Council in a way that the rest of Headcorn would not.

I would question the requirement and justification for this change, and I would also query the motives for Maidstone Borough Council to seek this change at this time.

Yours faithfully,

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