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I object to the alterations which are proposed to the ward of Harrietsham & Lenham. The exclusion of Lenham Heath, Sandway, Platts Heath and Liverton Hill fails to acknowledge their interlinked status with the Lenham Area. These areas are simply not connected to Headcorn. 1) Lenham Heath, Sandway, Platts Heath and Liverton Hill are very remote from Headcorn. Lenham is the nearest village with the main focus of services. Lenham is between 1 and 3 miles distant whereas Headcorn is over 8 miles remote. I live in the current ward of Harrietsham & lenham and do not have any connections with Headcorn. It is too far away. 2) I live in the current ward of Harrietsham and Lenham and derive all important services from Lenham including GP facilities at the local Len Valley practice, local shops, the main transport connections (by rail). I don't derive any services from Headcorn or its surrounding area. It is too remote. 3) The local political map is very much focused on Lenham. Many residents actively follow local issues and these are all Lenham focused. Few of the Headcorn issues are of significance to me and I don't believe that a Borough Councillor for the Headcorn area could represent people from the Lenham area. 4) The area of Headcorn is in a different geographic area. It is south of the 'Greensand ridge' which is a natural barrier between the Lenham and Northdowns area and the lower Wield of Kent. This physical division is significant. 5) Transport routes in the Lenham and Lenham Heath locality are not focused on Headcorn. It is much harder to travel to Headcorn by road or public transport. I can walk to Lenham from my house in Lenham Heath and as a consequence i feel that I live in the Lenham area. Headcorn is not within a distance by which I could walk. Most local roads focus on Lenham. The route to Headcorn is far longer and more circuitous and at times the roads to Headcorn are blocked by roadworks and poor road conditions in the winter. 6) Our county councillor currently serves Lenham & harrietsham and by moving wards to Headcorn we would not have that common sense connection. Local people with county council issues, will not be represented by a local county councillor and this appears to be illogical. 7) Our community warden is currently closely aligned to the local Lenham area. A change of wards puts that connection at risk and we may lose that local connection. 8) The local police area is also served by community support officers and we may lose that local connection with a ward change.

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