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As someone who has lived in Lenham for four years it makes sense to me to keep Harrietsham and Lenham together as a Ward for Maidstone Council. As it is recommended the number of Councillors for Maidstone Borough Council is reduced from 55 to 48 there will have to be some changes to the boundary. Maidstone have suggested adding Hollingbourne and other North Downs Wards to Harrietsham & Lenham and taking away almost half of the Lenham Parish to move it into Headcorn Ward which is miles away. It would make a lot more sense to leave the current Harrietsham & Lenham Ward as it is but add in Ulcome & Grafty Green to the West and South of the current Ward boundaries and also add in from the North Downs Ward Minnetts Wood, Frimshead, Wormshill, Torry Hill Park, Wichling, Ashdown, West Street, Payden Street and Coldharbour. This makes a single Ward covering the East of Maidstone. and leaves current Parish Boundaries the same. Development of Lenham is covered by the Lenham Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan which lasts until 2031, so all of this makes perfect sense, rather than Maidstone's plan to split Lenham in two and tie part of it to Headcorn which is about 12 miles away. Lenham & Harrietsham are lovely villages and have been linked for centuries and should remain together though expanded to accommodate the over reduction in Councillor numbers. Two Councillors could cover this new expanded Ward. Including Hollingbourne is too far West. Clean straightforward boundaries are needed to make life easier for everyone concerned.

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