

Maidstone Borough Council

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I have lived in Lenham for most of my life and i would ask to reject the proposal of Maidstone Borough Council to include part of Lenham ward into the Headcorn Ward. Lenham & Harrietsham Ward should be extended to include Boughton Malabe and perhaps Grafty Green to the South and include Otterden and Wormshill to the North Lenham Village is unique in the borough as the centre of Lenham is the hub and supports the 5 Hamlets of Lenham, these include Platts Heath Sandway, Lenham Heath, Warren Street and Woodside Green. Lenham and its Hamlets are historic and have been together for over 500 years the links can be improved by the way i have suggested not destroyed by a numbers game as indicated by Maidstone Borough Council. To divide the village up by moving the boundry up to the railway line that runs through the centre of the Parish can only be described as authority led Vandalism. During my lifetime i have lived in Lenham Heath, Woodside Green and now reside in Lenham Village i consider all three as home. Lenham is like a wheel with Lenham at its centre and the 5 spokes of the Hamlets all linked together this makes the Lenham a community with all residents enjoying Village Life. Up until the 1950's all the hamlets had the own shops and Public Houses they all had their own Post offices, but as travelling became more available these facilities were uneconomic so that today all the residents rely on the village centre to provide the services we all need today. Even with the use of the motor car it is still possible to walk from the Hamlets to the village Centre to visit the Doctors, Shops or just to have a coffee with friends. Children from the Hamlets are able to go to both the Primary School or the Secondary School As The Chairman of the Lenham Community Centre i am proud of the services we offer to both the young children and the older population of the Parish of Lenham. Lenham and the Hamlets relationship with Headcorn is very Limited I was in my 20's before i first visited there to play football (we lost) today it is properly more remote as the need to travel the 6 miles to shop would be deemed as unnecessary. I only visit headcorn as a day out to visit the Tea Room in the High Street. It is possible for you to check how many people use the Road from Lenham to Headcorn as it is one of the most unsafe roads to either walk or travel by bike or car in the county. So there is no historic relationship between the two villages so you have to question why is this being proposed. Therefore i would ask you to consider if you have to move the boundaries, as i understand it is a numbers game, protect the Historic Village and the Hamlets and gain the numbers as i have suggested.

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