

Maidstone Borough Council proposed changes to the boundaries of the Lenham and Harrietsham ward.

Again, we see a proposal by Maidstone Borough Council that strikes at the very foundation of a community and undermines every fibre of democracy and moral decency.

Ask any person that knows Lenham or has ever travelled through the parish, what is the single most striking vision or experience that symbolises the village. The answer will almost certainly be the Cross, cut in the chalk downs to commemorate those that fell in the 1914-1918 war and later the 1939-1945 war.

The proposal by Maidstone Borough Council, to take the Cross out of the Parish of Lenham can only be described as an act of gross vandalism.

One has to ask, why would they want to do this? This is a very difficult question that can't be answered in a few lines but it may help to look at the history.

Lenham and Harrietsham has been represented by a man and wife team of independent borough councillors since 2014 and this has probably been the most successful of any ward within MBC. They genuinely represent the people of the parish and keep democracy, common sense and stability at the centre of their focus. Having to observe the success of this lesson in the democratic process must be very difficult for those of the big party machine that dominate MBC. A further example of this fanatical drive to break the spirit of Lenham and Harrietsham, they are proposing to take the area in which these very successful councillors live, out of the ward.

As always MBC will dress it up in the clothes of the directive i.e. equalise the numbers and reduce the number of councillors but there is no way it is necessary to cause so much destruction of a very healthy and well run ward. Especially when considering the many degrees of freedom open to them to achieve their goals within the more central regions of the borough.

This proposal is more about satisfying the ego's big party councillors and very little about equalising numbers and reducing the number of councillors.

A lunatic proposal by people who should be above the juvenile antics we see before us.



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