

Maidstone Borough Council

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I am a resident in Warren Street, Lenham. The parish of Lenham was designated a 'Rural Service Centre' in 2017. The village has provided services for the immediate surrounding area for centuries. Warren Street is in the parish of Lenham. I found it disturbing that Maidstone Borough Council intends to vote, in a full council meeting today, on the last day of this consultation, on a motion which would separate my hamlet from the electoral ward of Lenham and Harrietsham. It would also separate other areas in very close proximity to Harrietsham from the Rural Service Centre of Harrietsham. I am at a loss to understand the rationale of this proposal, unless it is a move to retain a ward for a specific councillor from a specific party i.e. gerrymandering. This would, however, be in contravention of the (Nolan) principles of holding a public office: • • 'Selflessness Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. • Integrity Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships. • Objectivity Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias. • Accountability Holders of public office are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this. • Openness Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for doing so. • Honesty Holders of public office should be truthful. • Leadership Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs. ' • • <https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/councillor-development/new-councillor-hub/councillors-role-0> I would like to support the ward boundaries which you have drawn up for this consultation and urge you to reject Maidstone's last-minute proposed bchange. [REDACTED]

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