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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** The proposed Herne Village, Greenhill and Wantsum Wards.

Response to the Local Government Boundary proposals

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## **Attached Documents:**

- response-to-the-local-government-boundary-proposals-(1.pdf

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