

Dartford District

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Dear Boundary Commission Review for Dartford . Since 1995 I have been a Dartford B. C. elected member including 2005 - 2009 when I was the Kent County Council member for Dartford North East Division also,which amongst others covered the Ward known as Town which until 2003 had for many years been known as Priory Ward. This is the area on the Map from the Railway Bridge at Dartford Station by the beginning of Victoria Rd traveling East to West onto Burnham Rd and finishing at the Thames Rd boundary with the London Borough of Bexley. To the North we have the boundary of Bob Dunn Way and to the South we have the boundary of the main Railway line up to London. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I really do know the area well . The residents living in this area then and now still consider they are a community in their own right and separate from the Town in character and spirit. As I have explained the area has very good physical boundary`s and still retains the ethos of the old Priory Ward. For these reasons I would humbly submit that this area should be a designated in your draft proposals as a single member ward in it`s own right named and known again as Priory Ward. The said area really has little or know real identity with Town and the designation of Town Ward. I would also submit that where ever possible the electorate are better served overall by One local elected ward councillor than a Ward made up of several elected members . Local residents soon learn who represents them and if the Councillor does a poor job they know it is time for a change. Councillors representing a single member ward are in nearly all cases fully aware of this fact and tend to try that bit harder to do the best job they can. I have been an elected member in both single and multi member wards so I speak from experience. For these reasons I would ask that the Commission look again at their proposals and hope they see the merit in the case for a new single member ward again named as Priory. My sincere thanks for your consideration and deliberations in this matter. Tom Maddison

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