

Dartford District

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Comment text:

Wilmington Parish Council ('the Council') has reservations over the proposed creation of the Wilmington & Hawley Ward as, whilst agreeing that the communities of both Wilmington and Hawley are 'well established', the Council does not believe them to be 'integrated' or having 'community links' as claimed in the submissions by both the Council (sic. Dartford Borough Council) and the Labour Group. It should be remembered that the half-lathe of Sutton at Hone was created in the 6th Century covering an area well in excess of that of Dartford Borough as it exists today. The half-lathe of Sutton at Hone embraced a number of towns and villages including Darentford and Hawley. 1894 saw the formation of the Parish Council of Sutton at Hone, Hawley, Swanley Village, Hextable and Crockenhill however this was drastically reduced in 1955 to include just Sutton at Hone and Hawley with this reduction being reflected in the Council being renamed Sutton at Hone and Hawley in the late 1970's. It is therefore the Council's contention that the link between Sutton at Hone and Hawley dating back to the 6th Century cannot be simply ignored without substantiation that a stronger 'community link' exists between Wilmington and Hawley. The Council accepts that the proposed Wilmington and Hawley Ward meets the 'electoral equality' aim but considers that the proposal is ill-conceived and based on unfounded premises

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