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Subject: DOVER REVIEW

Dear Sir, Madam

DOVER DISTRICT WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW
TOWN AND PIER WARD and CASTLE WARD

I am commenting on behalf of The Dover Society (Dover's civic society with 480 members).

1 We do not see the need to merge these 2 wards as they appear to meet your criteria as separate wards albeit with one councillor each.

2 If you decide that they should merge then we strongly favour the name of Town and Castle Ward as you propose, since this retains rather than removes the areas heritage links and gives context. We understand that Dover District Council wishes such a new ward to be named Dover Central, a utilitarian, urban label, more in keeping, we feel, with the name of a railway station.

Yours faithfully

Derek Leach
Chairman, The Dover Society



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Organisation Name: The Deal Society

Comment text:

The Deal Society has for over 50 years been the Civic Society for Deal and Walmer. We have built a reputation as a non party political organisation working with all of the councils and all of the political parties. We have recognised expertise in the planning process and knowledge of the community. The area upon which we will comment is Deal and Walmer and the surrounding villages. We submitted a document to the previous step and are pleased that the draft recommendations follow the sense of community that we described in our submission. We are frustrated that Parish external boundaries cannot be changed as part of this review as there are many small but important changes which could be made. Given that constraint we generally support the proposals for the North Deal, Middle Deal, Mill Hill and Walmer Wards. We do, however, believe that the name of the enlarged North Deal Ward will not represent how most of the residents in that area view it. Whilst people living in part of this ward associate themselves as being in North Deal, those in other parts of the ward would not (in fact many of them would describe themselves as South Deal). We therefore propose that it is renamed Deal Coastal as the predominant characteristic of this area is it's association with the sea. We oppose the proposed arrangements for Walmer Parish Council Ward boundaries. The Gladstone Ward is fine but grouping the rest of Walmer into one Ward does not meet the requirement for effective governance and we recommend making limited changes required by the change in District boundary to leave four wards (15 Councillors): Gladstone (2), St Saviour's (4), Wellington (4) and Upper Walmer (5).

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Organisation Name: Friends of North Deal

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As the Chair of The Friends of North Deal I wish to make the following comments on the draft proposal. I have had many conversations with local residents and have encouraged them to make their own submissions. I am glad to see that some amendments have been made to the original proposal e.g. recognising that the railway forms a strong line of delineation, conceding that North Deal has a distinct character which is different from other areas of Deal and Walmer, the strong feeling of community in the area, the retention of the North Deal name for the ward. The inclusion of a section of Sholden to the east of the railway line in the North Deal Ward is a logical decision based on the physical boundary. However, it still seems illogical to draw the boundary between Walmer and North Deal along North Barrack Road and so to include the area of Walmer to the south of Deal Castle in the North Deal Ward. This area, which is bordered by Marine Road, Gilford Road and North Barrack Road has long been part of Walmer and, having once resided in that area, I am well aware that it fits geographically, socially and culturally within the current Walmer Ward and, if asked where they live people in this area would always say "Walmer". I would suggest that a more logical southern boundary is provided by Gilford Road as it provides a strong, clear and easily recognisable line of delineation between North Deal and Walmer. The Gilford Road line also reflects the separation of the activities of different volunteer groups within North Deal and Walmer. By utilising Gilford Road as the southern boundary, a truly cohesive North Deal Ward is created and long existing local ties would be retained. Including the northern part of Walmer in North Deal seems to be fundamentally flawed when judged against the LGBCE guidance. As brownfield sites, open land and larger buildings within the North Deal area are developed for residential purposes it seems that the population of North Deal will increase naturally so balancing out the number of people each councillor will represent and thus negating the need to include a part of Walmer in North Deal for that purpose. I would appreciate careful consideration being paid to the points I have made before the final decision is taken.

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Organisation Name: Castle Forum

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Castle Forum meets regularly and represents people who live and work in Castle Ward, Dover. Having read the documents, we feel strongly that we do not want to lose our historic name and would prefer the name, if it has to be changed, to read Castle and Town ward. Castle Ward is a unique area and we should endeavour to keep the character and history intact.

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