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**From:** Pam Brivio [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 April 2018 07:32  
**To:** reviews  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Boundary Commission consultation for Dover District Council

Dear Sir/ Madam

As a resident of the ward of Tower Hamlets, Dover for 34 years I wish to make the following statement

. I have underlined the importance of this ward as a community. As a resident and active member of the Tower Hamlets Forum (a well established residents group) I know I speak on behalf of other residents who are concerned about the ward losing its identify.

I have made a separate objection concern DDC's proposals to move the ward of BH1 into Maxton and Elms Vale.

**PROPOSALS FOR TOWER HAMLETS FOR A ONE MEMBER WARD To comprise polling district BH1 and 603 from BH2 and Priory (5)**

The Ward of Tower Hamlets spans two areas BH1 and BH2. It is a large geographical area reaching from the Anselm Road at its highest down through a traditional council estate (now in mixed ownership) through to closely packed terraced housing until it reaches the valley of the town of Dover (which River Dour runs through and two main roads (High Street/London road and Maison Dieu/ part of Barton Road before rising again on the other side to form a different residential area on the opposite hill.

My proposals concern retaining BH1 but with including part of BH2 which lie to the north of the High Street.

The part of Tower Hamlets in the polling ward of BH 1 has a very clear identity. An identity which would be lost if it was to merge with any other area.

It is a defined community, has several local community groups(Including a well established residents group Tower Hamlets Forum) and meeting places;

The Ark, which although a Christian Based centre, hosts a great deal of community activities; toddler groups, coffee mornings, "golden years", youth club and has facilities available for hire. The local nursery, "Happy Feet" is based there. All used by the local community.

Rowellan Hall - used by local cubs and beavers plus is hired by the local community (quizzes, birthday parties etc) and is located within the local play park which is well used.

Curzon Hall which again hosts several local groups for the Tower Hamlets area. The local residents group Tower Hamlets Forum meets bi monthly at this venue.

The proposed boundary as proposed by DDC administration does not respect the historic community identity of Tower Hamlets (BH1) .

It is quite clear that there is a clear boundary when you are entering Tower Hamlets from Elms Vale, three schools sit in the immediate area as you enter the ward and there are open sites belonging to the schools and Whinless Down (a nature reserve on

the left) forming a natural boundary. There is an additional nature reserve, High Meadow which sits on the boundary of what at present is the ward of St Radigunds.

The identify of this part of Tower Hamlets could be retained by the following. enlarging the ward as follows would create a one member ward

All of BH1 = 2325

Plus (608) from BH2:

\*Priory Hill (rest of) 93 (including the 2 properties which sit wrongly in Priory ward and which has been identified as needing to be removed from the Priory ward  
Plus five properties in Priory Hill which at present sit in Priory ward 5

Priory Grove 17  
High Street 103  
Maison Dieu Place 79  
Wood Street 26  
Victoria Crescent 1

Additionally, moving along to the junction with High Street, London road, Tower hamlets Road, Bridge Street. Turn left up to \*Tower hamlets Road and incorporating the following which at present are in BH2

\*Tower hamlets Road (rest of) 77  
De Burgh Street 31  
De Burgh Hill 64  
Templar Street 112

TOTAL 2933

The above is coterminous apart from De Burgh Street/de Burgh Hill/Templar Street which adds a small loop.

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\*these properties make sense to be part of BH1 if wards to be bigger as at present are split into BH1 and BH2

This proposal fits in with the original DDC officer determination of joining Tower hamlets and St Radigunds together (to give a three member ward); the number of voters in the above area justifies the making of Tower Hamlets into a one member ward of grounds of a clear identity for the ward and on a geographical grounds .

Yours sincerely

Pamela Brivio



## **Starkie, Emily**

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**From:** Pam Brivio [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 April 2018 08:30  
**To:** reviews  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Boundary Commission response for Dover District

Dear Sir/Madam, in the DDC officer's report on boundary changes, it was proposed to merge St Radigunds/Tower Hamlets to a three member ward.

I have already submitted a response for creating a one member ward for Tower Hamlets

However, I feel that the remainder of this originally suggested three member ward could be further split into two further one member wards. Both of which have clear identities.

### **PROPOSALS FOR ONE MEMBER WARD FOR Town /Dour/VALLEY AREA**

BH2 1364 AND 1409 from BG2 (St Radigunds East) **Total 2773**

**This area has a recognised identity as runs through the middle of the town, served by the main roads, London road,. Barton Road and Maison Dieu roads with majority of residential road leading directly from these two arterial roads. London road serves the community by a range of shops ; There are three churches in the area with associated community facilities and there are two secondary and two primary schools . The area is well served by bus services which run through both the main roads (which the churches are either located on or nearby, the schools are all served by the main roads of Baron and Frith . The River Dour runs through the area which stretches from Bridge Street in the East to Buckland Bridge in the west**

### **Proposals for one Members Ward for St Radigunds (BG1 plus part of BG2)**

**BG1(St Radiigunds West( – 2187 + 712 from (St Radigunds East) = 2899**

**This is a long standing recognised community, has a well used community centre, Triangles which also hosts Sure Start Headquarters and the centre is used by a variety of groups. There is an established St Radigunds Residents group which is based at Triangles and runs a number of activities.**

**The Area has a church, primary school (White Cliffs) and two nurseries, one attached to the school and one adjacent to Triangles. All used by the residents of the area**

**Well served by bus routes which link the area to the town and neighbouring towns.**

**This area has a high level of deprivation and makes use of the community facilities it has and is a recognised community. . The area is clearly marked geographically from the junction of Coombe Valley road ;incorporating all the roads to the west of this junction to the edge of the ward where is joins open countryside. Very identifiable geographical area**

The proposals submitted by the DDC administration proposes merging St Radigunds with part of Buckland Estate with which it has no shared identify or history at all. It is not geographically linked and does not share any community facilities.

Yours sincerely

Pam Brivio

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## Starkie, Emily

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**From:** Pam Brivio [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 April 2018 07:47  
**To:** reviews  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Boundary Commission consultation -

Dear Sir/Madam, I am sending this response as objection to the DDC proposal to merge part of the Ward of Tower Hamlets (BH1) into Maxton and Elms Vale

### Background

The current ward of Tower Hamlets spans two areas BH1 and BH2. It is a large geographical area reaching from the Anselm Road at its highest down through a traditional council estate (now in mixed ownership) through to closely packed terraced housing until it reaches the valley of the town of Dover (which River Dour runs through and two main roads (High Street/London road and Maison Dieu/ part of Barton Road before rising again on the other side to form a different residential area on the opposite hill.

The part of Tower Hamlets in the polling ward of BH 1 has a very clear identity. An identity which would be lost if it was to merge with Maxton and Elms Vale with which it shares no common features.

It is a defined community, has several local community groups(Including a well established residents group Tower Hamlets Forum) and meeting places;

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Curzon Hall which again hosts several local groups for the Tower Hamlets area. The local residents group Tower Hamlets Forum meets bi monthly at this venue.

The proposed boundary as proposed by DDC administration does not respect the historic community identity of Tower Hamlets (BH1) . The two communities that it is proposed to join have no shared history or identity

For these reasons the area covering BH1 becoming part of a ward with Maxton and Elms Vale has little justification; there are no shared identities, historical or geographical connections. They are two very different areas including housing, which is predominately older in Tower hamlets than in Elms Vale and Maxton. Each area has its own primary school which is attended by local children of each area.

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The identify of this part of Tower Hamlets could be retained and meet the criteria of an increase of electors by the following.

enlarging the ward (at present 2325) by incorporating roads from BH2 - Priory Grove, rest of Priory Hill, High Street, Wood Street, Maison Dieu Place, remainder of Tower Hamlets Road, De Burgh Hill, de Burgh Street, Templar Street (approx 608)

The above is coterminous apart from De Burgh Street/de Burgh Hill/Templar Street which adds a small loop.

\*these properties make sense to be part of BH1 if ward to be bigger as at present the roads are split into BH1 and BH2

The proposal to merge BH1 (Tower Hamlets) into Maxton and Elms Vale risks losing the identify of this very well established community which has a clear identify which has a long and established history.

Yours sincerely

Pamela Brivio

