

Dover District

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The current Lydden & Temple Ewell ward should ideally be combined with the current Eythorne & Shepherdswell rural Ward but exclude the settlement of Elvington to achieve electoral equality for a new two member ward. This proposal will be far better understood locally and sits very well with many previous/future rural interests in both wards. The continued 'rural' relationship has been the sensible case so far with both neighbouring rural wards represented jointly via myself, DDC Cllr Mark Rose Lydden/Temple Ewell ward and DDC Cllr Mog Ovenden for Eythorne & Shepherdswell. Both DDC councillors would like to see the new naming of 'Temple & Coldred' rather than just 'Coldred' which will not be popular with residents in historic Temple Ewell and Lydden being south of the current A2 boundary. We do however have an opportunity to produce a meaningful boundary update and compromise to both rural wards with the continued use of the relevant strategic word of 'Temple' (re: historic doomsday village - c772 named in 8th century as Æwille) of Temple Ewell and the well documented Knights Templar and local Church being of huge focal interest in the area alongside with the Mercia named Coldred. A newly titled rural ward (being Temple Coldred) would smoothly align both large rural wards with a dual historic 'parish ward' point of interest making much less disruption and much more sense for both aligned wards being AONB status and both tourism and boundary changes then being in line with residents treasured rural interests. It should be noted neither rural ward wishes to be aligned with Dover/River ward, previously raising many instances of neighbouring disagreements whilst River is not being a typical rural ward in any sense compared to it's surrounding neighbours. There are few options of making success of any rural ward alternatives here for both Lydden/Temple Ewell and Eythorne/Shepherdswell, except the above proposal - Temple Coldred. We would therefore all fully support the proposed much more diplomatic creation of a bigger rural 'Temple Coldred' 2 councillor ward. Thank you. [REDACTED]

Uploaded Documents:

https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1522685440_boundary+govt+changes.docx