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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** reviews  
**Cc:** Evison, Alison  
**Subject:** LG Boundary Commission Electoral review of Dover

Dear Sir

"Deal Town Council has discussed the proposed Dover District Council ward boundary changes at its meetings on 26 February and 27 March. At the latter meeting, councillors had access to the proposals being put forward by the District Council.

Deal Town Council agreed that the District Council's proposals were so highly inappropriate as to be perverse in that they broke up existing communities within the boundaries of the Deal Town Council area by creating three three-member wards which extend across the boundaries of several, very different parishes. Deal Town Council believes that the three key communities - Mill Hill, Middle Deal and North Deal - that make up Deal are best served by three two-member wards, on the roughly the same basis as the existing wards.

Mill Hill is a close-knit community which looks to the shops on or just off the principal street, Mill Hill, and to the churches and clubs originally built to serve mine workers and their families. The area is bounded to the east by a railway line which forms a solid boundary and to the south and west by open country. To the north, Mill Hill is bounded by Middle Deal.

Middle Deal is bounded by the railway line to the east and to the north and west by Sholden Parish. Middle Deal is focussed around the Deal Victoria Hospital and the Tides Leisure Centre. The population make-up and the nature of the housing is very different from that of Mill Hill.

North Deal comprises Deal's main shopping streets, the historic Conservation Area and a number of streets of mixed housing. The area is bounded on the west by the railway line and to the east by the sea. The northern boundary is the boundary of Sholden Parish and marked by the golf club and open country. The southern boundary is the boundary of Walmer Parish and Deal Castle. Deal Town Council recognises that the few residents of the part of Sholden Parish between the railway line and the sea is isolated from the rest of that parish and that they would be better served in electoral terms by being linked to North Deal, through which they have to travel in order to cast their votes.

Deal Town Council, while recognising the need for minor re-arrangements of ward boundaries within the Town Council area, sees no reason why the existing wards should be completely disrupted. The existing wards represent distinctive communities within Deal which brings them together as recognisable urban entity.

It should be noted that Walmer Parish is a very distinct community from those included within the Deal Town area and looks to different churches, primary schools and other local facilities.

Yours faithfully

Cllr David Cronk

The Worshipful Town Mayor of Deal