

Dover District

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Living in the Middle Deal area, I find the proposed boundary changes in this area puzzling. The proposals don't meet two of the Commission's criteria, namely 'That the pattern of wards should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities; That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.' The odd-shaped boundary takes in some very different parts of the Deal area, from very rural aspects around Mongeham, through more residential areas to the town centre and seafront. Neither does the boundary follow any transport routes very well, as it meanders across the A258 and only follows the railway line in part. I also question the rationale behind reducing the numbers of councillor representatives and the calculations on workloads. If enacted, it appears this part of Kent will be at a distinct disadvantage to other areas to the West, where the ratio of councillors to electorate is much higher.

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