



Ringwould with Kingsdown Parish Council

8th April 2018

The Review Officer (Dover)
LGBCE
14th Floor
Millbank Tower
London SW1P 4QP

Dear Sir,

I write as chair, and on behalf of Ringwould with Kingsdown Parish Council, as we have serious concerns about the boundary changes proposed by Dover District Council, and how these proposals would affect our parish representation at Dover District Council. Please note our comments and concerns below.

- The village of Ringwould was the centre of Ringwould parish, dating from the 12th century. The hamlet of Kingsdown, developed from the 19th century as a community of mariners and fisherman who formerly lived in Ringwould and remained an integral part of the parish, now named Ringwould with Kingsdown.
- Today, Ringwould is always associated with Kingsdown, is managed by the same parish council, and has one district council representative.
- It has a joint provision of a primary school (Kingsdown and Ringwould Church of England Primary school) and the playschool.
- The two churches, (one in each village) along with those of Ripple and Sutton have recently formed a new ecclesiastical parish, called Cornillo.
- Ringwould and Kingsdown are both rural villages, and we have a lot in common with the local nearby villages of Ripple, Sutton, East Langdon and Mongeham.
- Kingsdown and Ringwould are coherent village communities. Our Parish Council believes that Kingsdown is a very different community from the urban areas of upper Mill Hill, (shown on the map) and west parts of Walmer, as proposed by some Dover District Councillors. Ringwould is part of our community, and we do not want to lose Ringwould. This village should not be grouped with the suburban area of Whitfield, near Dover, which it has nothing in common with and is quite some distance away. The Ringwould and Kingsdown Parish Council completely objects to the proposals of Dover District Council as they split up our long-standing community and it seems quite illogical. The 'name rationale' quoted by DDC councillors which refer to the naming of the private golf club is spurious and ridiculous.
- As an alternative, we support the recommendations of the district officers of the Dover district Council, who seem to have a good understanding of the relevant issues of rural villages. In their recommendation they propose a new ward of Kingsdown, Ringwould, Ripple and Gt Mongeham, with one councillor. This seems a more suitable and logical proposal. (see attached map, named boundary officers report)
- We understand that the Dover District Officers presented their proposals at a DDC council meeting on 1 March 2018. This was rejected by the full council on 7 March. An

extraordinary council meeting was then held on 28 March 2018, when the current proposals were voted through, just before a holiday weekend. Our Parish Council objects very strongly to the short time allowed for responses by both the public and local parish and town councils.

- We note the Dover District Council's Constitution Section 13.02 provides that all decisions will be made after *due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers*. There has been no explicit offer from the district council to consult locally. A brief glance at the officer's proposals compared to the very different current proposals, (see attached documents for our Parish area) shows the councillors chose to ignore the officers' advice.

Cllr Carol Fowler
Chair
Ringwould with Kingsdown Parish Council

All correspondence to : The Parish Clerk – Katie Amaouche, Ringwould with Kingsdown Parish Council

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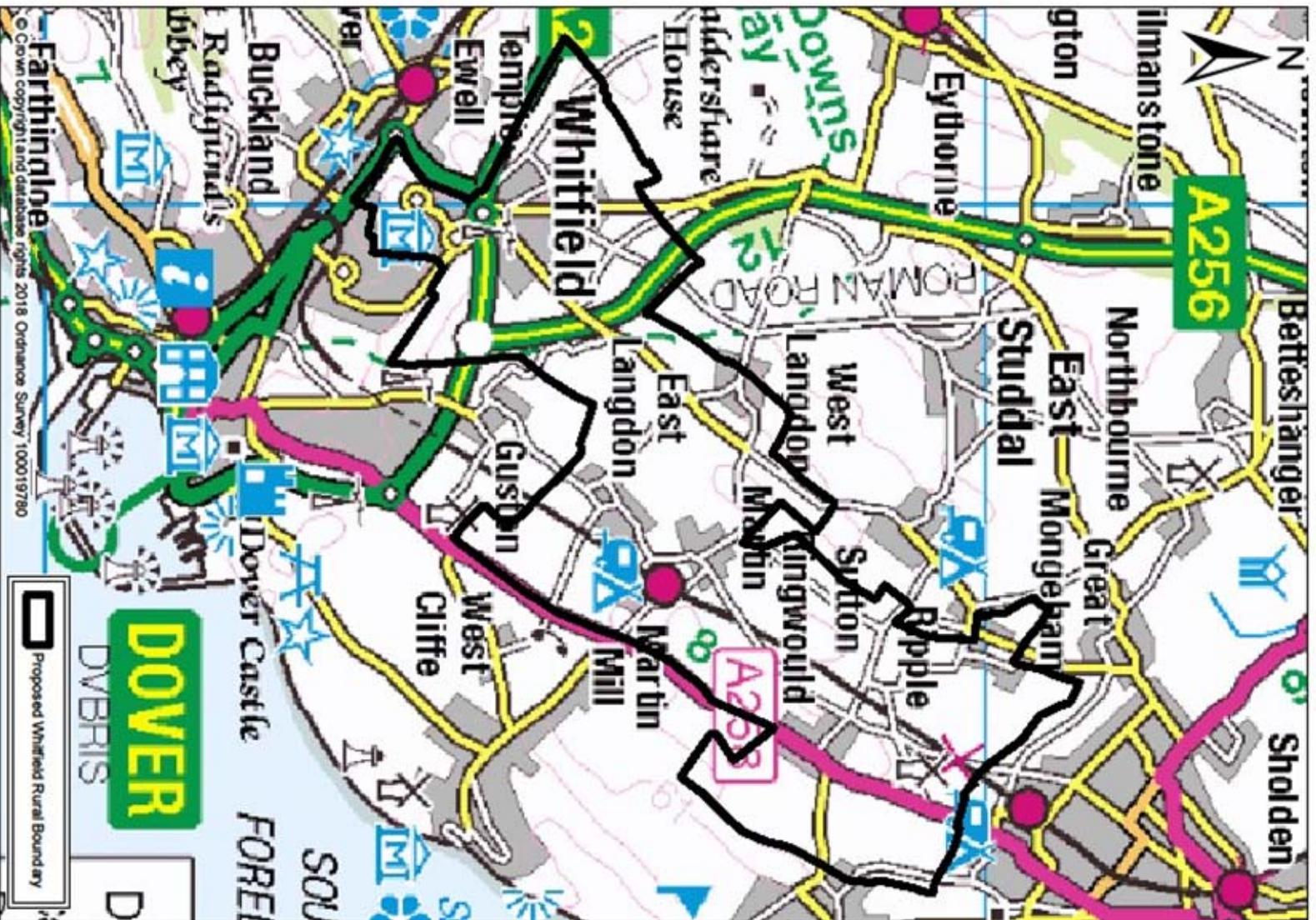
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Extracts from DDC proposal for Wards 6 and 10



WARD 10 – WALMER AND KINGSDOWN

Ward Name:	Walmer and Kingsdown				
Number of Councillors:	3				
Forecast Electorate (2023):	8,804	Electoral Variance (2023):		+1.1%	
Current Electorate (2017):	8,650	Electoral Variance (2017):		+5.9%	
Polling Districts:	AA1	AA2	AA3*AMENDED*	AC2	PRK
Parish Council(s):	• Walmer Parish Council		• Ringwould-with-Kingsdown Parish Council (Partial)		
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	• Yes				
County Division:	• Dover North		• Deal and Walmer		
Street Changes:	<p>*AMENDMENT TO POLLING DISTRICT AA3*</p> <p>The parish of Walmer is currently warded into 4 separate wards which are co-terminus with polling districts AA1, AA2, AA3 and AA4. However, the AA4 polling district is currently part of the North Deal Ward even though it is part of the Walmer Parish Council.</p> <p>It is proposed that the following streets be removed from the current Walmer Ward and transferred from polling district AA3 to polling district AA4 to form part of the proposed new Middle Deal Ward based:</p>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Barrack Road • 51-68 The Strand including Admiralty Mews & Beachlands Court • 59-105 Gladstone Road • Cheriton Place 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheriton Road • York Road (68-70 consecutive and a cottage) • 2-24 Marine Road and including The Coach House & Clanwilliam House 		
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This ward continues the coastline from Walmer through to Kingsdown at the foot of the iconic White Cliffs. There are strong road links between the two the communities and urban development has narrowed the gap between the two communities. 				
Name Rationale:	The name reflects the two largest communities and is often used locally such as with the Walmer and Kingsdown Golf Club.				



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Proposed Whitfield Rural Boundry

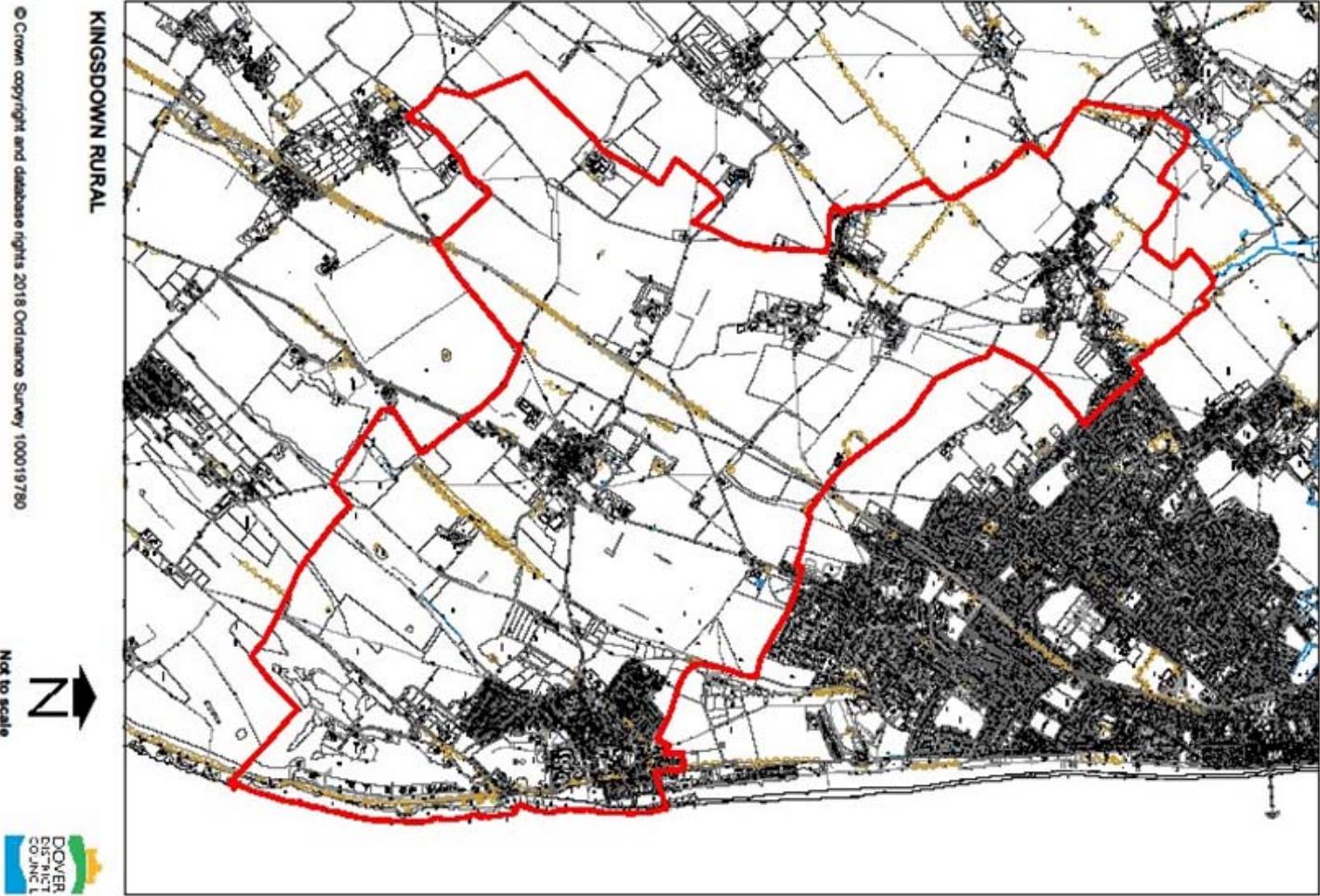
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WARD 6 – WHITFIELD RURAL

Ward Name:	Whitfield Rural						
Number of Councillors:	2						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	6,036				Electoral Variance (2023):	+4.0%	
Current Electorate (2017):	5,310				Electoral Variance (2017):	-2.1%	
Polling Districts:	PWH	PWT	PLG	PRG	PRP		
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Langdon Parish Council Ringwould-with-Kingsdown Parish Council (Partial) 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ripple Parish Council Whitfield Parish Council 		
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes – Whitfield, Langdon, Ripple No – Ringwould-with-Kingsdown (Partial) 						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dover North 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dover West 		
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rural part of the ward is on the North Downs and is characterised by rolling countryside linked by a network of country lanes, bridleways and footpaths providing strong links between the rural wards. The parish of Ringwould-with-Kingsdown has been split with the polling district PRG (Ringwould) forming part of the Whitfield Rural Ward and polling district PRK (Kingsdown) forming part of the Walmer with Kingsdown Ward. This will necessitate the warding of the current Ringwould-with Kingsdown Parish Council. 						
Name Rationale:	The name reflects the largest population centre which is forecast to grow further and provide stronger links to the rural parts of the ward.						

Officers original proposal for Kingsdown Rural



WARD 7

Ward Name:	Kingsdown Rural						
Number of Councillors:	1						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	2,608			Electoral Variance (2023):		-4%	
Current Electorate (2017):	2,608			Electoral Variance (2017):		-10%	
Polling Districts:	PGM	PRG	PRK	PRP			
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Mongeham Parish Council • Ringwould with Kingsdown Parish Council 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ripple Parish Council 			
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dover North 						
Rationale:	This proposed ward could have been combined with either the Whitfield Rural or Kingsdown Rural wards to create either a 3 or 2 member ward respectively. However, the geographic links as parishes bordering Deal persuaded officers as to the merits of keeping this as a single member ward.						
Name Rationale:	The name reflects the largest population centre, a former limb of the cinque ports.						