

Ripple Parish Council

Review Officer (Dover)  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
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Dear Sirs

**Response from Ripple Parish Council regarding Local Government Boundary Commission –  
Electoral Review of Dover: Warding Arrangements**

At the Ripple Parish Council Ordinary meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2108, Councillors were in agreement that they would prefer Ripple to come under the ward of St Margaret's and for it to be a 2 councillor ward as this will give a better service to the electorate.

The logic of our approach is based on the history of the Parish and its natural affiliation with the Southern parishes of East Kent rather than the pre-1974 arrangement where Ripple was governed by Eastry Rural District Council. The geography and population make-up of Ripple better matches a conglomeration of smaller, similar parishes; such as St Margaret's and Walmer in what are ostensibly farming and rural based economies.

Equally the Parish Council feels that a number of current key social and economic issues are affecting all of us small parishes in the same way, namely the endless desire to build houses on Greenfield sites without consideration of the built or engineered infrastructure necessary to handle these new homes need for power, water, sewerage and highways. We are currently handling three such planning applications affecting us and our neighbouring Parishes.

Our view on the preferred number of Councillors is based purely on a desire to have two serving rather than one to ensure continuity of service and accessibility for all of our Parishioners to our district councillors.

Yours faithfully

  
Karen Castle (Clerk)

For and on Behalf of Ripple Parish Council