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Dear Mr. Owen,  
At our recent All Members meeting held on the 25th February, the members agreed the following:

### Belvedere

Members looked at Belvedere as it was one of the first alphabetically and they felt that Belvedere ward should retain both parts of the ward and not be split into two. The community comes from both upper and lower Belvedere and residents feel part of their community with the forum and community centre central to the community spirit, as seen with the recent campaign from all over Belvedere to retain their splash park. Residents from across Belvedere use the facilities within the village and those around the station, with most residents using Belvedere station to commute to work.

### Northend/Slade Green.

The proposals for Slade Green did not appear to make any sense to members, especially as the railway line appeared to split the community in two, Slade Green was built on the railways, it still retains a number of railway cottages around by the station in Elm and Oak roads. It is going to have a new road rail depot, maintaining the historic link between the railway and residents. There are very few ways in and out of Northend Ward, this has been the same for many years and residents do not see the railway line as a boundary, just part of their way of life. Residents in Peareswood, the Nursery, Craydene and the other roads between the railway line and the Northend Road use the public footbridge to cross over the railway to go to their church, library and community centre and the last remaining public house in the ward.

The Slade Green Forum and the Slade Green Big Local are thriving parts of the community, run by local residents on behalf of local residents, with certificated training, many of their courses are for Slade Green residents only.

### St. Michaels/Pantiles.

The unfortunate demise of the St Michael's community ward was felt to be a loss, for many years the Public House, Post Office, the other shops and Community Centre in Wrotham Road had been the heart of the ward. As far as members were concerned Bostall Heath, Brampton Road and Upper Wickham Lane gave natural boundaries for the ward, one of these being part of the Greenwich/Bexley border. Members could not see where the relationship between St. Michaels and the Pantiles came from, there are no community links between these two areas, residents of St. Michael's do not shop in the Pantiles as a norm nor do they frequent the public house, it is too far too walk for a local. Children in St. Michael's go to the school in the ward, Welling School, which is part of the community with a large number of residents having bought bricks for one of the school walls. This link has also been broken, with the proposal to put this part of St. Michael's into the Pantiles takes the heart from the ward and leaves these residents on the peripheral of the elongated proposed new ward.

### Bostal

This proposed new ward did not sit easy with members who were left wondering where the heart of the new ward lied. There appears to be no common ground between the two parts of the wards coming together, the case for this part of St. Michael's appears to be much the same as for the previous remarks putting one polling district in with the Pantiles, you are splitting up a community

### Erith/Slade Green

This proposal probably caused more debate than any other except St. Michael's, Erith & Slade Green are two distinct communities, residents in Slade Green do not like having Erith in their post code, they are proud of their local heritage and to be merged with Erith is totally wrong. Slade Green was built, on the railways, Erith has its own distinct history. Parts of the Erith community would sit outside its own ward, in the case of their church and leisure centre.

Our previous comments on Slade Green and its residents are maintained and we believe that Northend road should be a boundary if needed and not the railway line.

### North Heath/Erith

It was felt that North Heath was spreading itself too far, what is in fact a small local community has overtaken the major town centre of Erith importance. The proposal gives too much importance to a small hamlet, rather than a town centre.

### St. Mary & St. Joseph

Even though this is way outside our constituency, we felt we had to make representation, it is felt that this is way too large a ward with

two small areas separated by a large expanse of rural land. The two communities have few if any common ties and should be separated.

In summation we feel that the above ward proposals should all be scrutinised again, giving more emphasis on current community hubs/centres and the lack of future communities and the isolation of so easy residents from their current comments its stability.

Yours sincerely

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Constituency Secretary