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Dear Sirs,

Re: Local Government Boundary Commission Review

This statement is made by District Councillor Shirley Newlands, the current representative thereon for Lympne and Stanford.

I cannot find where my villages of Lympne and Court-at-Street are included in your proposals under their own name. It would appear therefore, as Stanford has been particularly sorted out and linked in with North Downs West, that it is separated now from Lympne. This is unfortunate as there is a historic connection between Lympne and Stanford which was cut in half when the motorway was built. North Downs East does not include Lympne and, indeed, it would not sit comfortably with the villages in that area, nor is it mentioned anywhere else. Lympne's boundary is immediately adjacent to Sellindge, which is included in the North Downs West grouping, with Stanford. Lympne is an area which is distinct in itself and does not sit comfortably with any of the Hythe wards. Saltwood is correctly placed in the Hythe and Rural Hythe area because it is immediately north of Hythe and sits comfortably there. Lympne is a very rural area, has only one shop which includes a Post Office, Village Hall and playing fields and is surrounded by farmland as well as the wild animal park and the escarpment down to the Marsh, up to the canal boundary.

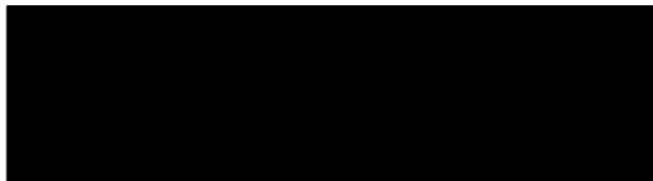
I am forwarding a copy of this to Lympne Parish Council Chairman for his views and will refer this back to you.

In view of the length of time that I have known this area I think that my knowledge and experience lead me to suggest that Lympne and Stanford should go together wherever else they may be included. The outstanding obvious placement would be in North Downs West. Lympne and Stanford work together regarding the effect of the racecourse events and protection for the people around and have rural farmland similarly separating them from other villages.

At the moment you seem to have mislaid the current population of Lympne and Court-at-Street. There are a number of housing developments in the pipe line which are likely to increase the population

by 50% or more. There is a current planning application for use of the defunct Lympne Airfield put in by a developer and there is a separate one put in by the residents for their own scheme to be considered under statute. It is opposed by Shepway and Lympne Parish Council to stay as it is.

Yours faithfully,



Cllr Shirley Newlands