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**To:** Reviews@

**Subject:** Shepway Wards Consultation Response

I broadly support the draft proposals for new warding arrangements for Shepway District Council except for the following:

- Folkestone Park Ward should be called Broadmead Village Ward. The area is an established community with a village shop, a village green and a pub. Highway signage reads 'Broadmead Village' and the 127 Stagecoach bus service runs to Broadmead Village. This name is shown on the front of the busses and on timetables. I have been a resident of this community for nine years and it has always been known locally as Broadmead Village. It seems really wrong that the Council's proposal is based on nothing more than the personal whim of one of the current ward councillors who put this proposal forward with no consultation of the Broadmead Village community.
- Folkestone East Ward should be called East Folkestone Ward . Folkestone East refers to a long non-existent train station, that wouldn't even fall within the proposed boundaries of this ward. Again, locally the area is referred to by residents as East Folkestone.
- Newington Parish should be part of North Downs West Ward. I recently stood as a candidate at the KCC county council elections in Elham Valley which included Newington Parish and the proposed wards of North Downs West and North Downs East. Whilst campaigning in the area I learnt that, in demographic and socio-economic terms, Newington has far more in common with North Downs West (Lyminge and Etchinghill ) than it does with North Downs East (Hawkinge, Swingfield ). There are good road links and Newington residents use facilities in Lyminge and Etchinghill such as the Golf Club and Bowls club. Newington residents very much see themselves as geographically part of the Elham Valley.

Yours sincerely

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