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Subject: proposed ward boundaries

Concerning Ward Boundaries for Harbour Ward Shepway District Council: I wish to support the proposed boundaries for this ward as it will keep the continuity of the communities within the ward. There are two primary schools well attended by the children of the area whose parents may have also attended these schools in their childhood many generations of families still live in this ward. It is mainly a residential area with many generations migrating further into the east cliff area. The Stade {harbour} has become unique with many of the fisherman's families staying close to the harbour and surrounding immediate area such as the East Cliff.

The School set above the harbour on the cliff area of the east cliff has been there for at least 80 years and is connected to the Fisherman's church used by the local people while the Durlocks has been the home to many of the families associated with the Stade the Durlocks is also one of the oldest parts of harbour.

There are various groups within the communities that have set up neighbourhood watch schemes , there are residents associations not only trying to keep their areas clean and litter free they are also bring back some of the neglected buildings which is being a great boost for the community these groups of people work together across the whole ward. The Harbour is a traditional area of Folkestone with many people proud to say that, that is where they live and for some where they work it is very popular in the summer with the Warren Country Park and the many walks along the cliff top into the Warren. It has historical connections with 3 Martello Towers , and a recently excavated iron age and roman villa site. Many people from the area supported this dig. many of them residents whom allowed test pits in their gardens. This area is mainly residential with only a few shops serving the local communities there is a good bus service in to the town which runs 1/2 hourly while the other bus services run up and down Dover Rd, there are two small industrial sites that back onto one another but there is only one factory there is no heavy industry in this area.

There are also a few local parks in the area and a skate park on the sea front with a youth centre being part of the skate park. There is also a community of ethnic people that have settled in the

ward who also have created groups that intermix with the locals, we also have a university centre in Tontine street that not only serves this community but many young people from all over Folkestone and the outlying area, this is supported by the live theatre next door and the many creative units for artists sculptors and others this has become known as the creative quarter.

I would like to give my support to the councils proposals in the hope that it is approved by the commission.

Regards Councillor Sue Wallace