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Dear Mr Stewart

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SHEPWAY: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Having considered the representations received during the initial stages of the review, the Commission today publishes its draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Shepway District Council. A copy of this report can be accessed via our website, at www.lgbce.org.uk. We have also arranged with your officers for hard copies of the report to be sent to the Council.

An interactive map of the Commission's draft recommendations for Shepway, electoral figures and guidance on how to propose new wards is available in the consultation area consultation.lgbce.org.uk. Here you can view the existing ward boundaries against the draft recommendations and Have your say. Technical guidance can be found on the *Policy and publications* page of our website.

We have informed the national headquarters of the main political parties, MPs and MEPs with constituency interests in the area, all parish and town councils, and all people who responded to our initial consultations.

The Commission is now undertaking a period of consultation on its draft recommendations and is seeking the views of local people. It would be helpful if your Council could further publicise the Commission's draft recommendations by displaying the posters sent to your Council and taking such other steps as it considers appropriate to bring the review to the attention of the public and other interested parties.

We will send copies of all representations to your council at the end of this consultation stage. I would be grateful if you would kindly make them available for public inspection on receipt. Copies of representations will also be posted on the Commission's website, at www.lgbce.org.uk and made available for inspection at the Commission's offices, by appointment.

Representations must be submitted to the Commission by **9 September 2013**. I should stress that the Commission has not finalised its conclusions and, in light of further evidence, it may put forward final recommendations which differ from those set out in the draft recommendations. We therefore encourage all those who have a view to write to the Commission, whether they agree with its draft recommendations or not. It is very important that those who oppose the draft recommendations should suggest alternatives

which are supported by evidence.

All representations received during the consultation period will be taken into account and the Commission will then consider whether or not to amend its draft recommendations. When the final recommendations are published, copies will again be sent to your Council and the other stakeholders detailed above. Representations should be made through consultation.lgbce.org.uk, by email to reviews@lgbce.org.uk or in writing to this address:

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Any respondents who submit comments during this period of the review, and do not want all or any part of the response or name made public, must state this clearly in the response. Any such request should explain why confidentiality is necessary, but all information in responses may be subject to publication or disclosure as required by law (in particular under the Freedom of Information Act 2000).

If you have any queries, please contact William Morrison, on 020 7664 8516, or william.morrison@lgbce.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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Parish councils, town councils and other local organisations in Shepway
Kent Association of Local Councils