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Dear Mr Owen

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Please find below my letter as you recommended.

Dear Mr Owen,

#### ELECTORAL REVIEW OF BEXLEY: FURTHER LIMITED DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

I am writing to document my general approval of the further draft recommendations for Barnehurst, Erith, North End, Northumberland Heath and Slade Green.

I live at [REDACTED] and it falls within the Lesney Park Road Conservation Area. In the London Borough of Bexley's Consultation Draft document under the heading of LOCATION AND CONTEXT the following statement is made '4.2 The area forms part of Erith, on the south side of the River Thames. Queens Road and the railway line separate the conservation area from Erith town centre'. Within the conservation area the landmark building is Christ Church 11\* listed building. The recent proposals now include the Lesney Park Road Conservation Area together with the adjoining roads within Erith Ward which is far more reasonable than its inclusion in Northumberland Heath ward.

Erith is known as a historic industrial riverside town. Among the important former industrial areas is now the Europe Trading Estate, on the north side of Fraser Road, formerly Fraser and Chalmers Foundry and Vickers occupied the site. The south side of Fraser Road was formerly dominated by the Quarry Site, where loam and ballast were transported by rail to Ballast Wharf on the River Thames. The railway line passed under Fraser Road and the NK railway line and across West Street to the wharf. Both of these areas are south of the NK railway line and form an important part of Erith's heritage.

The current proposals far better represent Erith Ward. The ward now includes St John the Baptist Church and the majority of its parish, Queen Street Baptist Church, Christ Church, Christ Church (C of E) Primary School, Erith Leisure Centre, Erith Stadium, Erith Recreation Ground, Erith Station, Erith Town Hall, Erith Theatre, Erith Library, The Carnegie Building, Bexley College, Erith and District Hospital, part of Erith Cemetery and the Quarry site all of which are essential to the identity of Erith Ward.

The inclusion of Erith Park (formerly Larnier Road Estate) is reasonable. When the Larnier Road Flats were built a number of residents from the properties demolished to make way for the Erith Town Redevelopment in the 1960's were re-housed there.

To use the NK railway line as a hard boundary may look reasonable however both Erith Station and Slade Green Station are at the heart of their communities and essential parts of both communities exist either side of the railway line.

The current proposals group North End with Slade Green which is far more realistic in terms of communities. Residents in the area of Peareswood Road, Newbery Road and Lincoln Road regard themselves as coming from Slade Green. North End is not an expression now used locally.

The Separate Community Forums existing in Erith, Slade Green and Northumberland Heath can now better represent their communities.

The current proposals represent such an improvement over the former draft proposals for the reasons mentioned above, however there are other areas whose position is debatable. It may be that electoral equality may have been a factor in determining their placement.

Firstly, the area between Battle Road, Lower Road and Frank's Park is part of the parish of St John the Baptist Church. However, only Glendale Road and Willis Road have an Erith postal address, Stanmore Road westward have a Belvedere postal address.

Secondly, the inclusion of the North End polling district NE1B into Erith Ward be reasonable because it was formerly within Erith Borough Council before 1965 and the industrial area is part of Erith's heritage.

Finally the Lesney Farm Estate can reasonably be placed in Northumberland Heath Ward with residents of the western end of the estate considering themselves as coming from Northumberland Heath. The Lesney Farm Estate could also be placed in Erith Ward but it would also need all of Lesney Park, Mortimer Road, Buxton Road, Elm Grove and Avenue Road up to 157 and 184 to be added. However it does not seem reasonable to split up the estate.

Thank you for reconsidering your initial draft proposals.

Yours sincerely  
Peter West

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**From:** Owen, David [mailto:david.owen@lgbce.org.uk]  
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Dear Mr West

Thank you for your e-mail of 8 September. I have tried to open the letter you attached but have been unable to do so. The word processor you have used seems not to be compatible with our systems. Could you perhaps copy the text of your letter into an e-mail? I can then deal with it as a submission which the Commission will take into consideration when making its final recommendations for Bexley. The Conservation Area document you attached to your e-mail is fine, I can open and save that.

I'm sorry to put you to further trouble, but am grateful for your help

Regards

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**Review Officer**

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FAO Boundary Officer (Bexley),

Please find attached documents relating to the proposed boundary changes in Bexley, for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Peter West