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**SECOND SUBMISSION TO
ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL'S
COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW CONSULTATION**

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Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association (SLRA) welcomes Ashford Borough Council's draft recommendation number 36, relating to the realignment of the boundary of Westwell Parish Council as shown in Plan 16.

On a point of detail, the roads cited in the recommendation as "Hoad's Wood Gardens and Potter's Corner" should read "Hoads Wood Gardens and Potters Close".

It should also be noted that Plan 17, for Central Ashford, incorrectly shows the proposed boundary with Westwell as running along Sandyhurst Lane. This proposed boundary should be in the position shown in Plan 16.

Plan 18, for Kennington, correctly shows the proposed boundary with Westwell.

We look forward to the publication of the final recommendations in December 2015 and encourage the Council to endorse and retain the draft recommendation number 36.

We trust that, in addition to the realignment of the Parish boundary, the Ward boundary between Downs West and Bockhanger, which is presently identical with the Westwell Parish boundary in Sandyhurst Lane, will be similarly realigned.

Similar considerations apply to the County Division boundary between Ashford Rural West and Ashford Central. We also made a submission to the recent consultation on the draft recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England Electoral Review of Kent County Council. In this submission, we requested that the County Division boundary between Ashford Rural West and Ashford Central should be realigned in the same way as that for the Westwell Parish boundary in Sandyhurst Lane.

We trust that Ashford Borough Council will liaise with Kent County Council to ensure that all three boundaries (Parish, Borough Ward and County Division) are realigned in the same way. We urge that such liaison takes place in the near future, since the Electoral Review consultation is now closed and the final recommendations are due for publication by 30 September 2015.