

SUBMISSION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION'S CONSULTATION ON THEIR DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Introduction

Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association (SLRA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the draft recommendations for the warding arrangements for Ashford Borough Council. This is one of two submissions.

Boundary between Downs West ward and Bockhanger ward

We welcome the draft recommendation, in paragraph 44 of the report, that the boundary between Downs West and Bockhanger wards should be amended so that Sandyhurst Lane is wholly in the Downs West ward, together with the curtilage of Sandyhurst Farm, reflecting the farm's access onto Sandyhurst Lane.

The interactive map supplied with the report shows the amended boundary to be immediately behind the properties numbered 86 to 134 Sandyhurst Lane. **We request that the boundary in this area is further moved** to include, in Downs West, the "buffer zone" (open area and tree line) behind these properties, as shown in the map below. This is consistent with the treatment of the buffer zone behind the properties numbered 136 to 154 Sandyhurst Lane.



SLRA proposal for amendment of boundary between Downs West and Bockhanger wards
Revised boundary shown as — — — — —

The importance of this buffer zone as an integral part of Sandyhurst Lane is recognised in the draft Ashford Local Plan to 2030, which sets conditions on the development of the strategic Site S20 – Eureka Park, which includes the provision of “*a generous landscaped buffer to residential properties along Sandyhurst Lane*”.