

# You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the

## MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Date: Wednesday 13 April 2022  
Time: 7.00 p.m. or at the conclusion of the extraordinary meeting of the Council, whichever is the later  
Venue: Clive Emson Building, Kent Event Centre, Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone, Kent

### Membership:

Councillors Bartlett, Mrs Blackmore, Brice, Brindle, Bryant, Burton, Cannon, Clark, Coates, Cooke, Cooper, Cox, Cuming, Daley, English, Eves, Fissenden, Forecast, Fort, Garten, Mrs Gooch (Mayor), Mrs Grigg, Harper, Harwood, Hastie, Hinder, Holmes, Joy, Khadka, Kimmance, McKay, McKenna, Mortimer, Munford, Naghi, Newton, Parfitt-Reid, Perry, Purle, Mrs Ring, Mrs Robertson, D Rose, M Rose, Round, Russell, J Sams, T Sams, Spooner, Springett, Trzebinski, R Webb, S Webb, de Wiggondene-Sheppard, Wilby and Young

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### AGENDA

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1. Apologies for Absence
2. Applications for Dispensations (if any)
3. Disclosures by Members and Officers
4. Disclosures of Lobbying
5. To consider whether any items should be taken in private because of the possible disclosure of exempt information.
6. Minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 23 February 2022 1 - 14
7. Mayor's Announcements
8. Petitions

Notice has been given pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13 of the intention to present a petition in the following terms:

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**Issued on Tuesday 5 April 2022**

**Continued Over/:**

*Alison Broom*

**Alison Broom, Chief Executive**

## **Keep Lenham together We are not Headcorn!**

We the undersigned residents of Harrietsham & Lenham ward of Maidstone Borough, call upon this Council to stop its proposal to divide the Lenham parish area for future Borough elections. We strongly believe that Lenham Heath, Platts Heath, Sandway, Liverton Hill and all the isolated homes in the Lenham South area (South of the railway line), are strongly attached to Lenham, and reflect community interests and identity so should remain part of Harrietsham and Lenham Borough ward. We do not wish those areas to be forced by Maidstone Borough Council in its Boundary Commission response to be joined to Headcorn ward. We call upon Maidstone Borough Council to offer an impartial view to the Boundary Commission for electoral integrity and not one that cuts a community directly in half.

9. Question and Answer Session for Members of the Public
10. Questions from Members of the Council to the Chairmen of Committees
11. Current Issues - Report of the Leader of the Council, Response of the Group Leaders and Questions from Council Members
12. Report of the Democracy and General Purposes Committee held on 9 March 2022 - New Constitution 15 - 381
13. Report of the Democracy and General Purposes Committee held on 9 March 2022 - Local Government Boundary Review - Ward Scheme Consultation Response 382 - 389
14. Report of the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee Acting as the Crime and Disorder Committee held on 30 March 2022 - Maidstone Community Safety Partnership Plan 2022-25 390 - 418
15. Oral Report of the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee to be held on 12 April 2022 (if any)
16. Notice of Motion - Provision of Zebra Crossing on Tonbridge Road, Maidstone Close to the Junction with Beverley Road  
Notice of the following motion has been given by Councillor Harper, seconded by Councillor M Rose:

Tonbridge Road is not an easy road to cross except at zebra and traffic light-controlled crossings. There is a request by residents for a new zebra crossing by the junction of Beverley Road and Tonbridge Road.

Their request is due to there being bus stops on either side of the road and also it is a place to cross the road to access the Beverley Road shops and Barming Primary School. The current situation is not satisfactory; the Fountain/Hermitage Lane junction does not have a pedestrian phase long enough for old and disabled people and also parents with small children to cross safely. In the opposite direction the next crossing point is

at North Street, Barming.

Residents believe that the solution is to create an additional zebra crossing with a pedestrian refuge on Tonbridge Road, close to where Beverley Road comes out, as a low-cost solution to the issue.

A petition has been signed by a significant number of residents in the local neighbourhood.

This Council therefore resolves to support the residents' backed proposal for a zebra crossing with a central pedestrian refuge to be provided on Tonbridge Road, Maidstone close to the junction with Beverley Road.

#### 17. Notice of Motion - Fant 20mph Zone

Notice of the following motion has been given by Councillor Harper, seconded by Councillor M Rose:

At the Council Meeting on Wednesday 23 February 2022, it was resolved:

*"That Maidstone Borough Council supports the speed limit of 20mph on residential neighbourhoods and streets, in areas where there is evidence of community support and a community led approach."*

In Fant there is strong community led support for a 20mph zone covering all the roads between Tonbridge Road and the River Medway from Westree Road in the east to Glebe Lane in the west. This has most recently been demonstrated in 2019 by a petition (provided to officers) signed by 881 residents with the wording:

*"We support the implementation of a 20mph speed limit across Fant in the roads bounded by Tonbridge Road and the River Medway. We believe that this will make our environment safer for all residents and people who travel through our communities."*

This petition was referred to the JTB in 2019 and promptly forgotten. Attempts to have the petition looked into as it deserves have failed previously. However, following the Council decision in February 2022 that Maidstone Borough Council will support 20mph on residential streets where there is evidence of community support and a community led approach, it provides the opportunity to reassess this proposal.

This Council therefore resolves to support the residents of Fant for 20mph speed limits in their residential streets/roads between Tonbridge Road and the River Medway from Westree Road in the east to Glebe Lane in the west, as there is strong evidence of community support for this proposal.

### **INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC**

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