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Boundaries Extension Bill.

To the Ratepayers of the West, East, and North Wards of the
Borough of Folkestone.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN,

As your Representatives in the Corporation we feel it our duty to lay before you the following facts in reference to the Extension Bill now before Parliament, and to ask you to give your unanimous support in favour of the Scheme.

We do not propose to reply to the scurrilous and untrue statements contained in anonymous leaflets which have been so extensively circulated, but to tell you the true facts, which are as follows:—

At present there is a large area in the West Ward, amounting to over 170 acres, which area, though included in the Borough of Folkestone, and rated to it for Borough purposes, forms part of the Urban District of Sandgate, and for Public Health purposes is rated to the Urban District of Sandgate. We propose to call this area **B**.

There is another area in the West Ward, viz:—the Undercliffe extending from Lady Emily Hankey's House to the "Fleur de Lis" Inn, Sandgate, amounting to over 40 acres, to which we beg to draw your careful attention, which area we will call area **C**.

Area **B** has from time immemorial been included within the limits of the Parish of Folkestone, and has been for the last 40 years included within the limits of the Municipal Borough as extended by "The Folkestone Improvement Act, 1855." Area **C** has always been included within the limits of the Town and Borough of Folkestone. Areas **B** and **C** are shown on the accompanying Plan.

These two areas have a rateable value of about £5,000, and in a few years time, owing to the rapid increase of buildings, the rateable value will be very considerable.

In 1889 the Local Government Board drafted a Provisional Order whereby these two areas, **B** and **C**, would be for ever taken away from Folkestone and given to Sandgate. This serious loss of Rateable Value, including also a loss of over half-a-mile of sea frontage was strenuously resisted, and owing to the strong opposition of the Corporation this Provisional Order was never issued. The Local Government Board proposed, however, after an Inquiry held in September last, to issue this year a Provisional Order, it is believed, in terms similar to those of 1889.

The Corporation had only one course to pursue to prevent such a serious loss to the Borough, and that was to promote the Extension Bill, which by making the Borough of Folkestone and the Urban Sanitary District coterminous would put an end to the anomalies at present existing. Such Bill has the unanimous approval of the Corporation of Folkestone, and upon the determination of the Corporation to promote this Bill, being notified to the Local Government Board, they, on the 13th November, 1894, assented to suspend the issuing of the Provisional Order.

Now we wish you clearly to understand that if areas **B** and **C** are taken away from Folkestone and added to Sandgate (which is what will probably happen if the Bill does not pass) the immediate effect upon the existing Borough would be to reduce its rateable value and to increase that of the Sandgate Urban Authority, and this would be detrimental to the interests of Folkestone.

With regard to the circular dated 16th January last, issued by Mr. Fynmore, as Chairman of the Sandgate District Council, to the Owners and Ratepayers of the portion of Sandgate within the Township and Urban District of Folkestone, we have only to add that the Undertaking given by the Sandgate District Council to relieve these Owners and Ratepayers from the Water Rate is perfectly illusory and could not legally be enforced.

It is said however that the Rates of Sandgate and of Cheriton being in excess of the rates in Folkestone, an additional rate will be thereby imposed on Folkestone if the Bill passes. We deny this for the following reasons. The Rateable Value of Sandgate on which the 2s. is raised is only £13,784 but the Rateable Value of Folkestone is £175,165, and if you spread this 2s. over this large rateable value, viz., £188,949 it may possibly amount to a slight increase, but this it is estimated will be more than saved by Unity of Administration. On the other hand if Sandgate takes away the areas **B** and **C** the Folkestone Rates will be materially increased, and the *prospective loss* will be very considerable.

As mentioned above it cannot be too well understood that if the three Districts are united a large reduction in expenditure must take place with a corresponding reduction in the Rates.

Then again as to the Sea Wall at Sandgate: should the liability for its maintenance eventually fall upon the Rates, which is doubtful, this could be but a trifling charge upon the whole rateable value of the three Districts, and there would be this great advantage that the Marine Drive would be secured for the whole of the extended Borough.

Now as to Cheriton, we desire to add one word only on the question of its Amalgamation with Folkestone. For many years, owing to the rapid increase of Buildings and Population at Cheriton the importance of uniting Cheriton with Folkestone has been before us.

At present the whole of the Cheriton Drainage is taken by Folkestone. There is no Hospital or Sanatorium at Cheriton. Cheriton people have to ask permission to use our Hospital and our Sanatorium, and are dependent on Folkestone Companies for their Gas and their Water.

With a population of 4,000 persons on the borders of our town, subject to no restrictions from Folkestone, if an epidemic were to break out at Cheriton, it might be fraught with most dangerous consequences to Folkestone, and as a health resort her reputation might be destroyed.

We do not wish to unnecessarily weary you with any details of the Bill which contains provisions equitable alike to Folkestone, Sandgate and Cheriton, except to call attention to a provision for the whole of the Accounts of the receipts and payments of the above three Districts, when united, being audited by a Public Auditor.

We strongly feel that unless the Bill be carried it will be most detrimental to the future prospects of Folkestone.

We are,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servants,

S. PENFOLD (Mayor).

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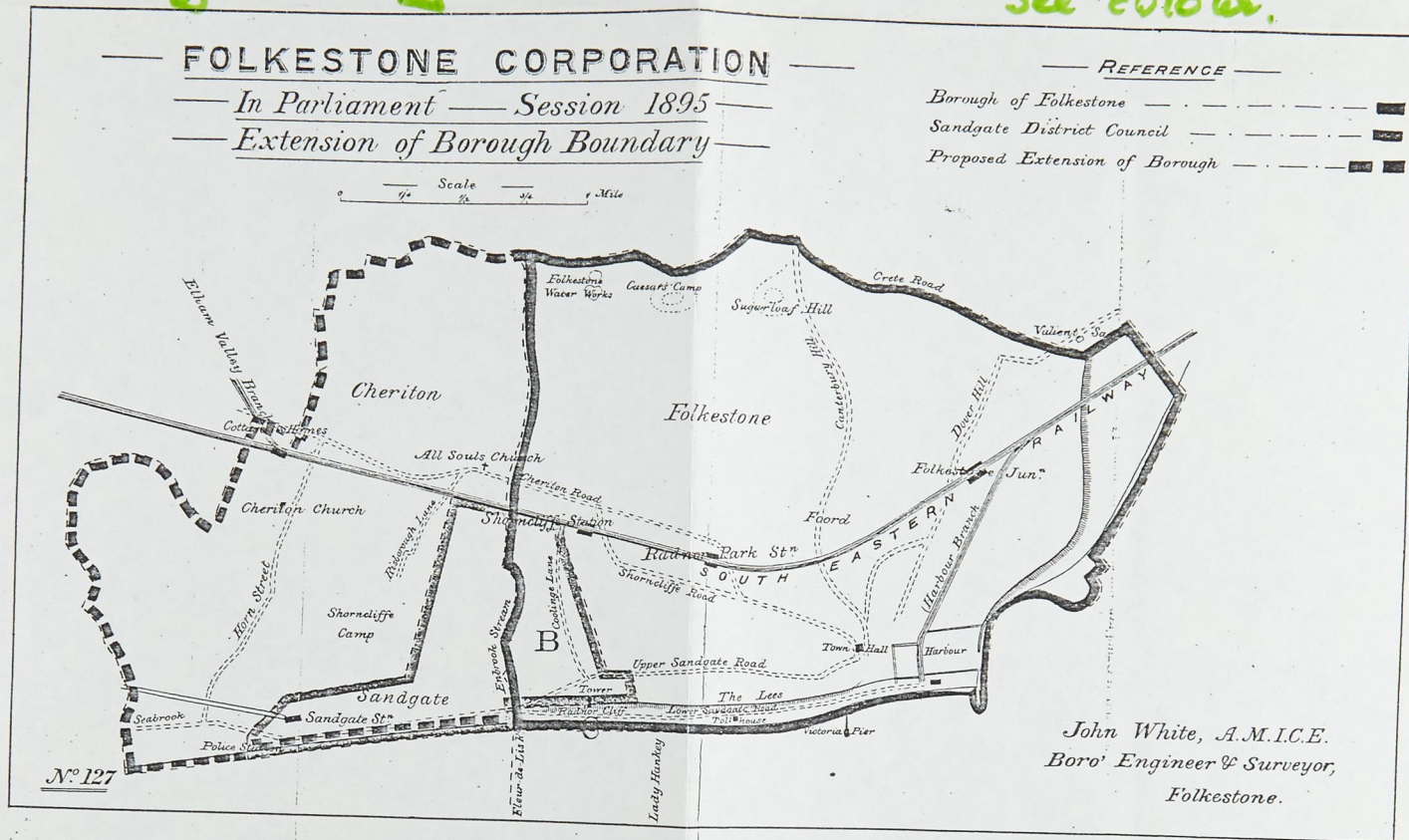
Town Hall,
Folkestone,
19th February, 1895.

NOTE.—It will interest you to know that the Parliamentary Committee of the *Kent County Council* have recommended their Council *not* to oppose the Bill.

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COUNTY OF KENT.

Municipal Borough of Folkestone. Improvement Act District of Folkestone. Local Government District of Sandgate.

The Borough of Folkestone includes the Improvement Act District of Folkestone and part of the Local Government District of Sandgate. Folkestone is in a different drainage area to that of the village of Sandgate.

The Improvement Act District of Folkestone includes part of the village of Sandgate which should be in the same Sanitary District with the other portion of Sandgate.

With this exception, the Local Government District of Sandgate is a good sanitary area, almost identical with the natural drainage that discharges through the village into the sea.

The Folkestone Corporation strongly object to having the area of the Borough reduced, and there is much opposition in Sandgate to being included in the Urban Sanitary District of Folkestone.

| | Area. | Population, 1881. | Rateable Value, 1887. |
|---|-------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | Acre. | | £ |
| Municipal Borough of Folkestone - | 2,578 | 18,986 | 124,919 |
| Improvement Act District of Folkestone - | 2,306 | 18,816 | 123,683 |
| Local Government District of Sandgate : | | | |
| Part in Borough - | 272 | 170 | 1,236 |
| Outside of Borough - | 258 | 1,499 | 8,784 |
| Totals - | 530 | 1,669 | 10,020 |
| Part of Village of Sandgate in Improvement Act District of Folkestone - | 34 | 377 | 2,158 |

The Commissioners recommend—

- (1.) That the Municipal Borough of Folkestone be extended so as to include the whole of the Local Government District of Sandgate.
- (2.) That the Borough be divided into four Wards. That the area of the present Local Government District of Sandgate, with so much of the Improvement Act District of Folkestone as is situated west of the eastern fence of the garden of Cliff House at Sandgate, be formed into a Ward, to be called the Sandgate Ward.

That so much of the present West Ward as is not included in the above Sandgate Ward be formed into a new Ward to be called West Ward, and that the other two Wards of the Borough be retained as at present, viz., the North Ward, and the East Ward.

- (3.) That in accordance with the principle recognised in Section 30 (9) of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, the division of the Borough (as altered) into four Wards instead of three as at present, shall not affect the qualification of Aldermen or Councillors.

- (4.) That the municipal expenses of the Town Council of Folkestone be borne by the Borough of Folkestone as extended.
- (5.) That the Local Government District of Sandgate be dissolved, and that the property, debts, and liabilities of the Local Board be transferred to the Town Council of the extended Borough of Folkestone, in trust for, and for the benefit of the area of the Sandgate Ward as described.
- (6.) That the Sandgate Ward as above described be constituted a separate rating area.
- * (7.) That so much of the Parishes of Cheriton and Folkestone as are included in the new Sandgate Ward be constituted into a new Civil Parish of Sandgate.
- (8.) That the powers and duties of the Town Council under the Public Health Act in that part of the Borough included in the Sandgate Ward be delegated to a District Committee consisting of the members of the Town Council elected for the Sandgate Ward.
- (9.) That the powers and duties of the Town Council under the Public Health Act in the rest of the Borough, be delegated to a District Committee consisting of the members of the Town Council elected for the other three Wards.
- (10.) That all expenditure under the Public Health Act within the Sandgate Ward as constituted shall be raised and paid out of the rates authorised to be raised within the Sandgate Ward, and that such expenditure under the Public Health Act in the rest of the Borough shall be raised and paid out of the rates authorised to be raised within the other three Wards.
- (11.) That that part of the Folkestone Improvement Act District proposed to be included in the Sandgate Ward as constituted, be exempted from any present coal dues payable to the Corporation.
- (12.) That the present value of any services under the Public Health Act executed in that part of the Folkestone Improvement Act District proposed to be included in the Sandgate Ward as constituted be estimated, and the sum so ascertained, together with the existing debt of the Sandgate Local Board, be charged on the separate rating area of the Sandgate Ward as constituted.
- (13.) That the rest of the existing debt of the Folkestone Improvement Act District after deducting the amount ascertained as above to be the value of the services executed in the area to be transferred to the Sandgate Ward be charged on the separate rating area of the remainder of the Borough.

* At present the part of Sandgate Village in Folkestone Parish has to pay School Board rates for schools built at Folkestone, while the Sandgate children attend the National Schools in Sandgate Village.

At a Vestry held in Chertsey Ch. 28 Nov 1844 for the purpose of taking into consideration the state of the Parish Roads.

Accus. Lawrence, Esq. Chairman. Scum proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that Mr. Elliott of Kynchurch be requested to survey that part of the road from Shorncliffe Battery to the Bathing Machines, and also into the Surveyor of the Parish an Estimate of the expense of putting the same in an efficient state of repair, by means of a Wall, and also to state what will be the difference in point of expense by having a footpath twelve feet in width instead of 5 ft.

On the 5 Dec following at a Vestry held in the Church. Scum resolved that Mr. Hauser Surveyor of the Parish roads be recommended to carry the plan for enclosing a sea wall, submitted to the Vestry by Mr. Elliott into immediate execution, and further recommended the Surveyor to agree with Mr. Elliott to erect the work, and to keep the wall in repair from year after its completion. Resolved 1845. Scum agreed to pay £5 per annum for the same, to Mr. Elliott for keeping the same in repair.

I am pleased to see the promenade on the new sea-wall at Sandgate opened to the public. The work has the appearance of having been well carried out, and from the number of promenaders that frequent this spot, it seems much appreciated. I take it for granted, a few seats will be placed at intervals on the asphalt. 16.7.92

SANDGATE HOLLOW.—A more dreadful condition than this portion of the road between Sandgate and Hythe is now in it is impossible to conceive. The metalling, though not having been renewed, is cut through, and omnibuses and carriages can only plough through it at slow speed. Eastward of the railway station, towards Sandgate, the thoroughfare is scarcely any better, and the broad footpath is impassable for foot passengers, unless they wear mud boots. 1876

FOLKESTONE TO SANDGATE TURNPIKE ROAD.

To the Editor of the Hythe and Sandgate Reporter. Sir,—I am in the habit of passing to and fro in a carriage on the above road at various portions of the year, but more particularly in the summer season, and it has often struck me with surprise that the turnpike trustees cannot see their interest as well as think of the comfort of visitors and travellers generally, in keeping the road from Folkestone to Sandgate constantly and regularly watered, for which purpose watering carts might be employed, so as to meet and obtain a supply of water midway.

This would not only promote the comfort of those who frequent it as a carriage-drive, but also of pedestrians passing to and fro, by exempting them from the annoying clouds of dust they are now subject to; and on the score of economy to the trustees, they would no doubt find themselves gainers in the end by the improved condition of the road.

Returning to the subject of comfort to visitors, we may refer to Leighton, where the road is constantly kept watered between that place and Warwick and other adjacent places. Also to Harrogate (High and Low), Cheltenham, and other fashionable places of resort in this country and the one adjoining.

Years ago it was predicted that Folkestone and Sandgate would join each other, and if we look to the extension on the West Cliffe of the former and the eastern extremity of the latter, the accomplishment will ere long be effected. How necessary therefore is it for those interested in the growth and prosperity of one or both these highly improved places, that every auxiliary should be employed to promote the comfort of the visitors, and improve the attraction as well as the property of the locality. Yours most obediently,

A VISITOR.

Aug. 14th, 1861.

Lower Road.

On the authority of Mr. G. Moseley in his "Sandgate, as a Residence for Invalids," pub. 1853, we learn that "The New-road was made by the excellent Esq. Radnor in 1828, and as a portion of it was destroyed by the sea, another was formed close under the Cliff in 1846.

Lease of Hodges Radnor Cottage dated 25. Mar 1829



TURNPIKE ON THE LOWER FOLKESTONE ROAD.

1865 Sept; during this month a sea wall can be built South of the God gate to prevent the current from the sea

PRIVATE TOLL BARS.—The Local Government Journal, in an article on the disappearance of the last of the turnpike gates, winds up with the remark: "We are afraid we shall not be so happy as to outlive the last of the private toll bars." Among the latter of course is the Lower Road Tollgate, which no doubt is maintained rather as a preventive of traffic than for the revenue it produces. Probably if the road were free it would be largely used for heavy traffic, and would be very costly to maintain. 5.10.75

With reference to the widening of the Military-road, a letter was read from Colonel Edwards, R.E., stating that the Government would contribute £75 towards the cost of the improvement, which was estimated at £250. The Chairman had also received a letter from Lord Pelham, who, he said, had acted most kindly in the matter, not only by giving the necessary land, but by assisting in other ways. It was resolved to accept the offer of the Government, and to instruct Mr. Burn, engineer, to proceed with the carrying out of the improvement in accordance with plans prepared by him, and that his remuneration be at the rate of £5 per cent. on the outlay. The Clerk was instructed to obtain from some of the principal firms in the trade the price of the necessary lengths of 4-inch cast iron socket water pipes to take the water from Lord Pelham's pond near the Military-road, so that it may be utilised for street watering. 18.10.75

Notices were issued on Monday last by the Commanding Royal Engineer at Shorncliffe Camp to the effect that the Military Road from the Camp to Seabrook could be closed from ten a.m. on Wednesday till the same hour on Thursday; and that from ten a.m. on Thursday till the same hour on Friday the Military Road from Sandgate to the Camp, and the footpaths to the Camp up Brewer's Hill, and from the Undercliffe, would be closed. The object of this was to maintain the right of ownership of the roads by the Military authorities; and the result was likely to have been great inconvenience to the public. The Seabrook-road was duly barricaded and guarded by sentries on Wednesday. On the morning of that day, however, a special meeting of the members of the Sandgate Local Board was held, all the members being present. It was resolved to seek an interview with the Colonel Commanding Royal Engineers to protest against stopping the road leading from the Broadway up Military Road through Lord Pelham's to Cooling Lane, also the road through Undercliffe to the Camp, through Mr. Lonsdale's property to Cooling Lane and Chertsey Church; also the road up Brewery Hill to the Camp and from thence to Chertsey Church. The Board further resolved to attend at the respective points of the road and request the obstructions, if placed there, to be removed.

The deputation subsequently waited upon the Commanding Royal Engineer, and the result was that that officer countermanded the closing of the roads on Thursday. 29. 11. 79

THE CLOSING

The Chairman of the Board meeting held the attended as deputy Royal Engineer, of the Military Road proceeding. The and produced the kindly lent by showed clearly the roads, and were and had been so.

They therefore asserted their right to the use of these roads, and the officer in charge, during the absence of Col. Edwards, at once ordered that the notice should be withdrawn, so far as the following roads were concerned: the road leading from Shorncliffe Camp to Sandgate; the road leading eastward from the Camp; the road leading from Undercliffe across the Camp; and the road leading from Brewer's-hill across the Camp. Then with reference to the general question, the officer said it would probably lead to a thorough investigation of the whole matter. The roads were therefore left open, and had remained open ever since. The parish officers had also objected to the closing of the Military-road from Seabrook, and in this case the authorities had given way. Mr. Pledge said there would doubtless be an inquiry into the question of the different rights, and that inquiry would be conducted in a spirit of conciliation and consideration for the rights and interests of all parties concerned. 6. 12. 79

THE CIVIL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES.—Notwithstanding the action of the Sandgate Local Board, the Military authorities closed the roads for 24 hours on Monday and Tuesday, by means of ropes, which caused great inconvenience to the traffic. 1879

On the 31 March 1846, the drawing of the battery was resumed and the work filled in solid, and in 1846 the water-works of the battery were taken down, and the road in 1846 the water-works were again erected by taking down the water-works in 1847 and 1848, and the road was closed and widened.

They say that on Wednesday twenty men commenced work in digging out foundation for the new Sandgate sea wall near the Battery Point. 9. May 1891

MAIN ROADS.—A letter was read from the County Surveyor (Mr. Ruck), requesting to be furnished with a tracing of the boundaries of the district, and the names, description, and lengths of the main roads within it.—Mr. Fynmore asked whether the county, in contributing to the main roads, paid for the entire length through Sandgate.—The Chairman replied in the negative; only the road up the hill.—Mr. Fynmore asked why, if the county authority contributed to one part of the main roads, it should not contribute to the whole.—The Clerk believed it fell upon the urban authority to request.—The Clerk was ordered to acknowledge the letter of the County Surveyor, and state that it should receive requisite attention. 3. 9. 42

THE NEW ROAD TO SHORNCLIFFE STATION.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. Richard Hart on behalf of the South Eastern Railway Company stating that the new road to Shorncliffe Station only remained to be rolled with the steam-roller before it was handed over to the Corporation, on the condition that they undertook its further maintenance. The Company suggested the 1st of May as the date of the formal opening.

The matter was referred to the General Purposes Committee to report to the next meeting. 15. March 1879

A QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP—A TRIPLE CLAIM.

The Town Clerk, as promised, reported on Mr. Brockman's claim to a piece of greensward in front of his house at Sandgate. He had, he said, gone into evidence upon the subject, and he found that there were three claimants to the land: 1st, Earl Radnor; 2nd, Mr. Brockman; and 3rd, the Corporation of Folkestone. On sifting the evidence he had come to the conclusion that it belonged to the latter, and if they elected to enclose it, it was theirs to enclose. That was his advice, that it had for years belonged to the town, and had been open and free for any inhabitant to pass over it. 6. 12. 88

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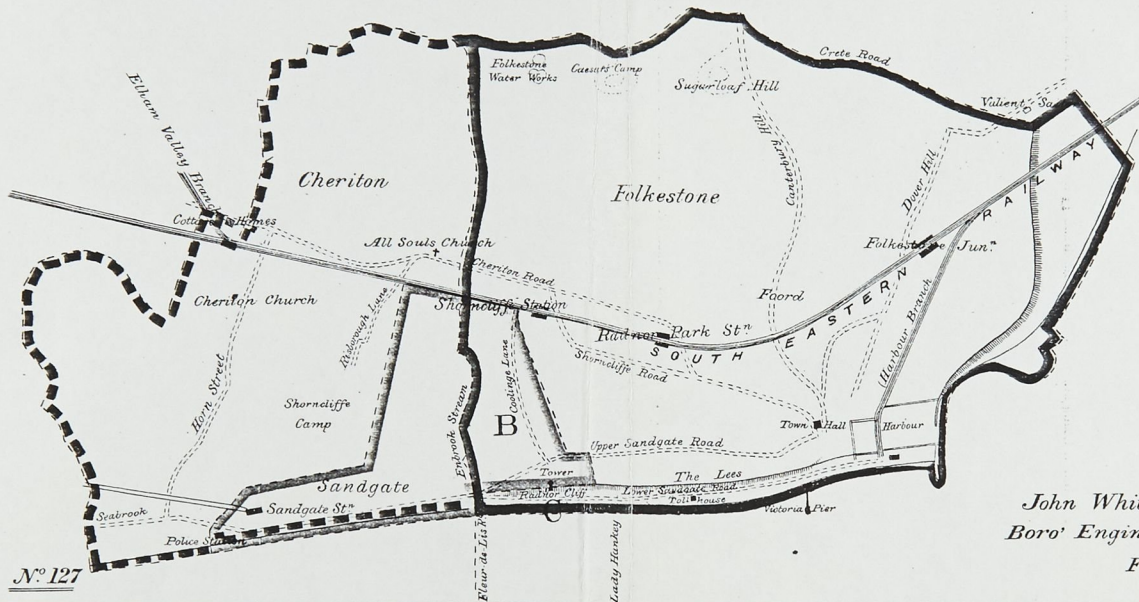
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Extension of Borough Boundary

Scale
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REFERENCE

Borough of Folkestone ————
Sandgate District Council ————
Proposed Extension of Borough ————



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The Boundary Committee of the Folkestone Corporation on Wednesday night unanimously agreed to promote a Bill in Parliament for separating Sandgate and Cheriton to the Borough of Folkestone. The statutory notices are to be published next week. 10. 11. 84

Reference having been made by our representative to the boundary question, Mr. Spurgeon said at length that he was in favour of carrying through his Bill in Parliament he was in hopes that they would get a more favourable settlement of the matter than had been anticipated. He was not of the opinion that the Government would be able to settle the matter in the present time, and it was hoped that the final decision would not be so adverse to Folkestone as they at first thought it would. At the instance of Mr. Spurgeon, the Chairman of the Local Government Board enquired if the Local Government Board enquiry was held the year before last, but no order was made and that was why the Folkestone people were not satisfied with themselves. "We are not bound," added Mr. Spurgeon, "to accept the order when it is made—we can go to Parliament; but we shall accept it if it is anything like a reasonable settlement of the difficulty."

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