

Castle Point Borough Council

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I have been a Castle Point Borough Councillor for twelve years. I think your proposed boundary changes in Castle Point favour the mainland Councillors. You are treating Castle Point as one Borough which it is but the residents see it as two, the mainland and Canvey Island. We are already at a disadvantage with the number of mainland Councillors which total 24 compared with Canvey Island Councillors which total 17. This Borough was clearly set up to be a Conservative safe seat in the 1970s which it was. The residents of Canvey Island and their Councillors were unable to be represented properly because of the 24 mainland Councillors to Canvey's 17 councillors ratio which means they would always be an opposition party. With your proposed boundary changes which would remove two Councillors from West Ward Canvey would lose two Councillors making it even harder for Canvey residents to have a meaningful vote in local elections. With the figures changing to 24 mainland Councillors to 15 Canvey Island Councillors a difference of 9 Councillors for the Mainland would be to their advantage. The boundary commission would never increase West Ward to take its part of South Benfleet to make the numbers up so that is why there are two sections in the Borough of Castle Point as far as voters are concerned. To be fair, to all residents the mainland should lose one Ward of three Councillors and Canvey should retain or increase by one Councillor which the percentage of population on Canvey should have. Regards Cllr Barry Campagna.

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