

## West Northamptonshire Council

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### Comment text:

I believe that Eastfield Park and the Eastfield Housing Estate should be parts of the same Ward, overseen by the same Councillors, as they were some years ago before the last boundary changes, when there was a County Division for Eastfield. (The recent Northampton Borough Council also had an 'Eastfield Ward' which included both areas and this is still recognised within the Town Council.) In the original design for the Eastfield Estate the architect commented that the greens between the houses on the Estate were like "fingers of the Park running into the heart of the layout". Now the greens are managed separately from the park and are in a different Ward. I am Chair of the Friends of Eastfield Park and our members come from both sides of the park. However, Headlands Ward has no large park or open space (unlike most of the surrounding Wards). Considering that the Eastfield Estate (within the current Headlands Ward) is a deprived area, and that policy has been to encourage its residents to become more active physically, it makes sense for the park to be in the same Ward as the Estate. Councillors for the Estate can then have a greater input into how the park is managed. I believe it would also encourage Eastfield residents to take a greater interest in the park's management. If large changes are to be made to Ward boundaries, I would find it very acceptable for the whole area surrounded by the Kettering Road, Lumbertubs Way, Wellingborough Road, and Park Avenue North to form one Ward.

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