

Trafford Liberal Democrat Council Groups Submissions to Draft Boundary Proposal

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Section 1 by Cllr Newgrosh (Village Ward) LibDem Group Leader.

Broomwood Timperley Central/Timperley South & Hale Barns border

I am writing to object to the Draft Boundary decision of the two new wards : Timperley Central and Timperley South & Hale Barns. Particularly the section cutting the Broomwood Estate in two.

At the end of this section, I propose how to correct the obvious error of splitting the Broomwood Community along Mainwood Road, by using Ridgeway Rd as a far more suitable alternative.

The Broomwood Estate was built on the outskirts of Timperley in the 1950's. A large swathe of Council housing bordered to the East by Fairywell Brook (which marked the hard boundary between Manchester & Trafford) to the South by Ridgeway Rd (which, as its historic name suggests, is a physical ridge, one side draining down to Timperley, the other towards Hale Barns) and to the West by the Main A560 Shaftesbury Avenue & Thorley Lane A5144. It was built either side of the historic "Brooks Drive" a former private 160yr old road. It has always been separated from Hale Barns by the expansive "Timperley Wedge" (part Green Belt, part green field)

This Triangular Estate has three main trunk/access roads inside it : Aimson Rd East, Greystoke & Mainwood Rd. Off which all other roads are connected. Of those three, Mainwood Rd was given the Community assets of the Estate: a Parade of Shops (top of Briarfield Rd. Which includes Hairdresser, Supermarket, Post Office Counter, Fast Food Takeaway, Pharmacy & Charity Community Cafe), a GP Health Centre & Dentist, the Primary School, Broomwood Community Park and The Broomwood Community Centre (which includes a Boxing Gym). It used to have its own Council Offices (removed due to cutbacks)

The entire estate was designed to face inwards, and still does.

Over time Council houses became Housing Association houses, but the area still (unfortunately) has multiple indices of deprivation. Disability or lower mobility is far higher prevalence amongst the residents than the general (or surrounding) population. Community spirit, identity and cohesion is also higher.

The majority of the estates basic needs are met within the estate.

Broomwood has enjoyed, for the last twenty-two years, an active dedicated Charity: G-Force who has its Café on the Parade of shops. This, and the Broomwood Community Centre, form two strong community foci. All manner of events are held by each from Coffee Mornings, Friday Clubs (65years established!), Bingo, Xmas Clubs, and Excursions. It has an established Community Partnership of voluntary, civic and housing association members.

If you came to visit and asked anyone walking about the area: "where do you live?" you will either get the answer "here" or "Broomwood" (which are the same). Many of the residents have lived here generations. I have assisted four generations of the same family (differing issues) whose family members have all lived on the estate.

Splitting this community, even if only for Electoral purposes, will greatly diminish the attention/focus that the residents combined needs require. Hale Barns to the south, although not exclusively, is defined by a very affluent demographic, including several roads of the very most expensive houses in Trafford. The contrast couldn't be starker.

Between Broomwood and Hale Barns, as was previously mentioned is the open expanse of Timperley Wedge. Unfortunately this green space is now earmarked, under the Places for Everyone (Greater Manchester Spatial Framework) for 1400 new homes. These are planned in two phases, and have not been counted in the provisional numbers by which the Draft Boundary Plan was constructed. However I need to make you aware that such is the demand for housing, and such is the prime location of Timperley Wedge, that developers will build, with surprising haste, as many houses as they can get away with on this allocation. Already 116 new homes have gone to planning at the former World of Water/Pets Centre just a little further down Thorley Lane. It would be foolhardy not to consider this huge development area when calculating the numbers of the future Timperley South & Hale Barns ward.

Voter Numbers (2027 forecast) Draft verses Proposed Changes:

Draft Proposal has Timperley Central at 8169 (-6%) and Timperley South & Hale Barns 9080 (+4%)

Residents in the area we propose to move from Timp South to Timp Central (2027 forecast) = 964

Resultant proposed changes : Timperley Central 9133 (+4%) Timperley South & HB 8116 (-6%)

Additional Supporting Evidence:

As Evidence for the roads making up Broomwood, I attach Trafford Councils catchment area for Broomwood Primary School:

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/docs/Street-Lists/Street-List-Broomwood.pdf>

I would also like to reference Transport for Greater Manchester Bus Route 11 (which travels the three main roads of the estate) : the stops of which are all clearly listed as Broomwood:

<https://tfgm.com/public-transport/bus/routes/11-stockport>

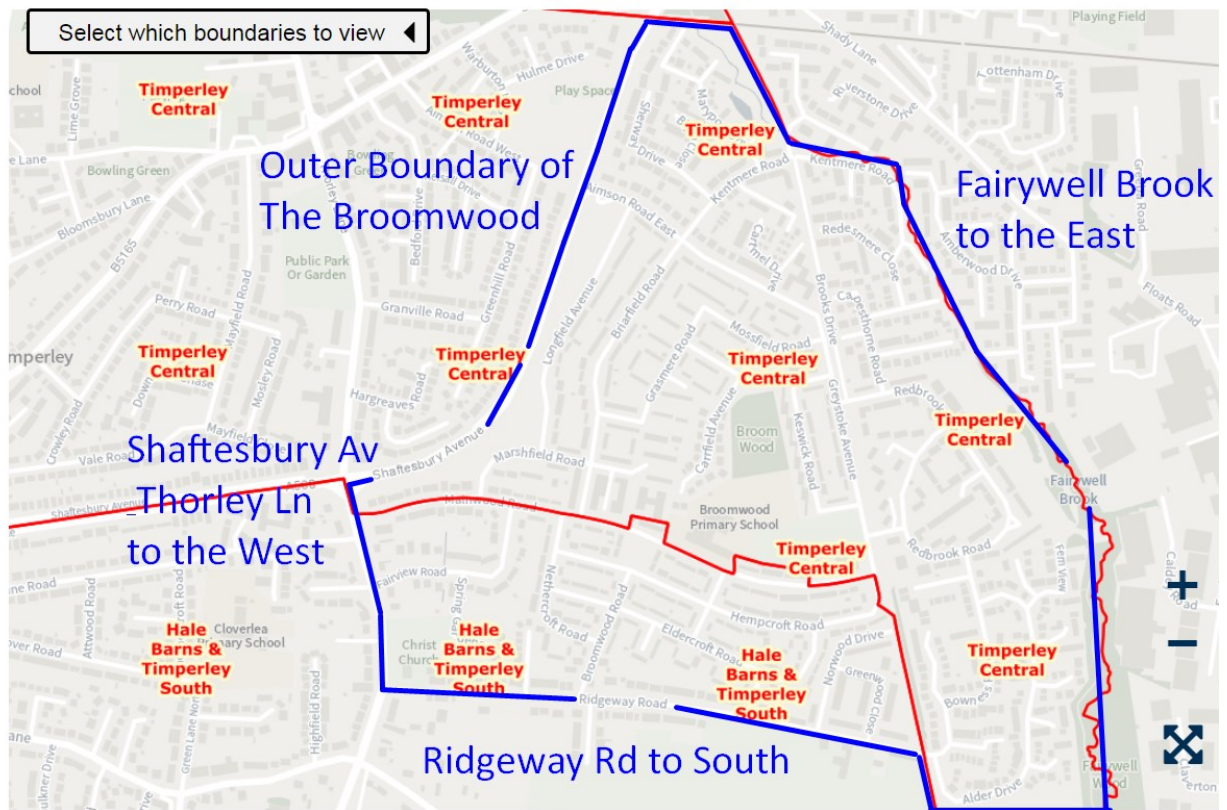
(very near) Future Housing : Planning Application for 116 dwellings World of Pets within 300m of boundary. First Phase of many phases for entire Timperley Wedge (Timperley South & Hale Barns)

<https://pa.trafford.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=R0G2ZNQL01T00&activeTab=summary>

Next Page has two maps :

Outer Boundary of The Broomwood (as understood by the residents)

Additional Area we propose is Inside Broomwood (from Timperley South to Timperley Central)



Section 2 : Cllr Jane Brophy (Timperley Ward) LibDem Deputy Group Leader

Timperley North & Timperley Central border adjustment around Pickering Lodge Park

To keep the Broomwood complete, the population of the new “Timperley Central” will rise. To balance the numbers of residents in each of the Timperley wards, a small part of the existing TIC district should form part of the proposed “Timperley North” ward.

The Lib Dem councillors as well as some residents in Timperley feel strongly that Green Walk, Green Drive, Hardy Drive (and maybe the top of Grove Lane) should be included in “Timperley North”, otherwise it disconnects the community around the Moss Trooper pub, Pickering Lodge Park and the area around the Moss Lane shops from everyone else who uses those facilities who live in the existing TIB district.

“Timperley North” ward needs to keep Pickering Lodge Park from a boundary perspective because this ward has one of the lowest amounts of green space per person in Trafford. Removing Pickering Lodge Park from “Timperley North” will exacerbate this issue of low public green space.

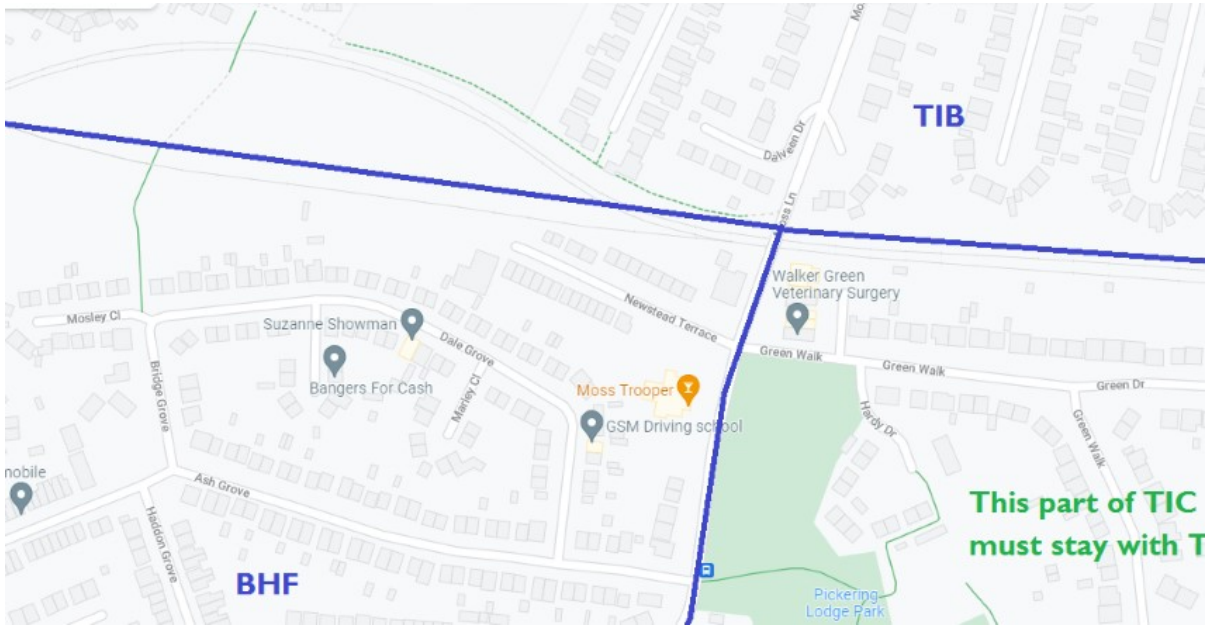
The Friends of Pickering Lodge Park are a group of activists joined together in a non-political basis, with key activists and volunteers living in the area of “Timperley North”, who will find themselves in a different ward from the park which they have supported for so long.

By moving Pickering Lodge Park and the surrounding streets into a different ward to TIB, the new boundaries would separate the Park from the activists that do so much to support it. Parks Groups like this are needed more than ever in today’s economic climate to maintain these public spaces. This current boundary proposal risks breaking up that community and depriving the Park of much-needed voluntary support.

Additionally, the Moss Trooper pub is at the centre of this community and it makes sense for the residents of Green Walk, Green Drive and Hardy Drive to the east of the pub to be in the same ward as the streets in BHF to the west of the pub already are.

By bringing Green Walk, Green Drive, Hardy Drive and possibly the top of Grove Lane into “Timperley North” alongside all of the existing BHF district, the Moss Trooper pub forms the centre of that community.

Please find on next page a map that gives the details of this area.



Thank you for your Consideration. END.