

Basildon Borough Council

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I have objections to the drafting of the Wickford Park ward boundaries and the specific inclusion of Wickford High Street in those boundaries. The high street is distinct from the rest of the ward that was recently developed (in the last 15 - 20 years) as part of the borough's local plan. It would be inappropriate to move the boundary from the A132 Golden Jubilee Way and to the North West from the boundary formed by the River Crouch. As the communities are closely associated with the allotments and the close proximity to the High Street as a resident who previously lived on Riverside Walk, making this revision would aid in the more effective governance of the ward and area due to proximity and closeness in proximity. The High street maintains distinctively closer relations to the area around Elizabeth Drive and London Road due to its proximity and long established links such as the footpath and public rights of way (PRoW 91 and 225) towards the houses on Riverside Walk via the allotments, close to the Wickford Junior School. Similarly, the river crouch runs to the west of the A132 (Golden Jubilee Way) is a distinct boundary and barrier between the two areas, and thereby a distinctive barrier between Wickford Park and the newly formed Crouch ward. The distinctively separate areas especially around Upper Park Road, and Lower Park Road have strong similarities to that of Borwick Lane and Old Nevendon Road, which leads to the A127 along Nevendon Road, those two roads are not included within Wickford Park despite their close proximity, similar characteristics, and community identity. I would propose that the boundary for Wickford Park extends down to include the fields to the south of Nevendon Road as they are in the same area and general siting as Cranfield Park Road which is included within the ward to the east. Similarly, the roads listed as Browning Drive and Nesbit Close are listed as Crouch, yet the front row of houses have been historically within the Wickford Park ward. It would be easier for general administration that they are included wholly within Crouch, or alternatively, the opposite side of the road is included such as numbers 232 with the boundary running behind Toppesfield Avenue to facilitate the inclusion of Borwick Lane where there is similarities with Upper Park Road. I have attached alterations to ward boundary as outlined above which removes the high street, where overall it has minimal impact on the numbers within the Wickford Park ward at-large due to the inclusion of other areas on Nevendon Road, Borwick Lane and Old Nevendon Road compensates for any loss. The addition of Old Nevendon Road towards the A127 'East Mayne' junction will much more closely fit in with the plot land characteristics of Cranfield Park Road, Lower Park Road, and Upper Park road which are rightly included within Wickford Park ward. In the attached, it shows the movement of the high street back into the Crouch ward as an area more closely associated with the areas of Elizabeth Drive and London Road. With an additional attachment included showing the inclusion of the houses opposite 239 Nevendon Road. The changes will maintain close community links, ensuring that there is better effective representation and governance for those who live in the area.

Uploaded Documents:

https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1670782164_Wickford+Park+Ward.pdf

Ward boundary edits to Wickford Park Ward

