

Trafford Borough Council

Personal Details:

Name:

[REDACTED]

E-mail:

[REDACTED]

Postcode:

[REDACTED]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I am concerned that the needs of our villages, which are very different to those of Partington and Carrington (P&C), will be lost within this much larger ward. The population of our villages is so small compared to that of P&C and therefore I believe our opinions and needs will be overlooked and missed. The new proposals will remove Dunham and Warburton from the Bowdon Ward and place them into a new Ward with Partington and Carrington. This new proposed ward is huge and is significantly larger than any of the other wards in the Trafford area. I have genuine concerns that the needs of our rural villages can not be best met by putting these 2 rural villages together with two very large, urban and industrial areas like Partington and Carrington. Our villages have long standing links with the Bowdon, Hale and Altrincham areas. These very strong links include our children attending schools in the Bowdon, Altrincham and Hale area, rather than the P&C area as well as medical services, bus routes and shopping. Our children are now 30 and 28. Before selecting an appropriate primary school for their education, we visited those in our local area. I was very impressed by drive, enthusiasm and passion the Head Teachers of 2 primary schools we were considering, and visited, in Partington, had for their schools. They had a strong positive attitude and appreciation of the needs of their local community of Partington, and of the children who attended their schools. Both Heads advised that we 'did what ever was necessary, to ensure our children did not attend a school in the Partington area'. On further questioning they commented 'your children would be like a fish out of water here', 'your children would be bullied in this environment due to their differences', 'please don't turn your children a social experiment in political correctness', 'do not send your children to our school, even if it means you have to pay for private education' 'we would not be able to let you in to support as a volunteer in the classroom due to the disruption this would cause the children' Their insightful and pragmatic comments have stayed with me to this day. I appreciated their openness and honesty and consider them to be highly professional in their assessment of the situation. Our villages have a long, historical connection to Altrincham and Bowdon, due to our history as part of the Dunham Massey Estate and many of as residents, we have links to church and social groups within the Hale, Bowdon and Altrincham areas.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded