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Hello

I'm currently a county councillor in the Pitsea Division and would like to submit the attached proposal, based on the following points:

- This covers the Basildon area of Essex County Council.
- Due to the population growth in the area, I believe there should be an extra councillor in this area and would make all five divisions, two member areas. Currently four out of four are two member divisions.
- Creating single member divisions would separate communities and create areas with no connections to one another.
- Pitsea, Bowers Gifford and Vange have strong connections, relying on the same town centres and train stations. In some parts of Vange people refer to themselves as Pitsea
- Westley Heights should take in Basildon Town Centre with its close proximity and many of the issues directly impacting the town centre also impacting on the Nethermayne area of Westley Heights.
- Laindon and Lee Chapel North are linked. Often people in Lee Chapel North refer to themselves as Laindon
- Different parts of Fryerns are nearer different parts of the town, e.g. some more nearer Basildon Town Centre while other bits are nearer Pitsea.
- Billericay remains one area.
- Wickford remains one area and does not take in Bowers Gifford which is totally disconnected from the area by the A127. It would take 10 to 15 minutes to drive through another division from Wickford to Bowers Gifford. Therefore these two areas should not be linked.

Kind regards

Luke

Attached Documents:

- Basildon ECC Proposal.xlsx