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Related subject: Herne & Broomfield

The proposals is to cut part of Broomfield away from the current Herne & Broomfield district Ward and add it to an unrelated new Wantsum ward.

Herne village and the former hamlet of Broomfield have merged together over the years to become an identifiable community, especially since Herne & Broomfield Parish Council was formed in 1996. Drawing a line through Gorse Lane, Hunters Forstal and part of Mill Lane is literally very divisive both physically and anti-community.

Currently we are represented by two City Councillors, which has worked well. It doesn't make sense to have a third city councillor, who is unlikely to be able to represent the people living in a small part of Broomfield as well as having a large rural ward to look after. They are unlikely to attend our parish council meetings as there will be clashes with the other parishes they would represent.

It will confuse the people who live in the proposed 'annex'. We are supposed to be improving community cohesion not breaking it apart. Herne & Broomfield Parish Council could become less effective if it was divided, in the way proposed.

When the Boundary Commission set the boundary on the west side of the new parish, they chose the line of Plenty Brook, which went through the Herne Bay Golf Course.

Since planning permission was given for the Redrow housing estate to be built and the homes are now occupied, this boundary doesn't make sense. This is where the reduction of the numbers should be looked at. The triangle of housing that is within our parish is sandwiched between

the old Thanet Way now the A2990 and the new A299 road.

The roads affected are: Bancord Ave, Bowes Drive, Braid Drive, Chapman Road, Colt Place, Cooper Drive, Heath Grove, Holness Road, Parkland Road, Reid Crescent, Sidney Grove, Sinclair Street, Steel Close, part of Randall Way, Reynolds Drive and Wyatt Crescent.

It would make more sense for these homes at the Redrow Estate to be joined to the Greenhill Ward, making the Redrow housing estate a whole community. They currently do not feel they belong to Herne & Broomfield ward and the parish is not easily accessible to them, unless they drive, with two major roads either side.

Planning permission has also been given for 800 homes on Strode Farm and building has started. If it is still considered that Herne & Broomfield Ward have too many electors per councillor, it could be possible to include these homes to join Greenhill Ward, if the boundary was Lower Herne Road and improved access is provided via the underpass.

Attached Documents:

None attached