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Related subject: Proposed ward boundary changes - separation of Freshney ward

The community of Freshney is close knit inclusive of estates which are geographically separated by a single road; not unlike many other wards in the borough. However, the 2 proposals put forward by NELC is clearly politically motivated - 5 of the 6 Cllr positions in Freshney and Yarborough wards are currently held by independent councillors who have markedly increased the engagement of its constituents.

The strength of the ward is palpable. It was the strength of our ward cllrs and the residents of Freshney that pulled together to prevent the closure of Great Coates Village Nursery after NELC failed to follow correct procedures or due diligence during a consultation to close. It is the strength of the community and its CLLRs that continue to prevent a poorly proposed building of unnecessary housing in the ward. It is this strength of community that sees Gold awards for Bloom in Great Coates, mural paintings on the Willows and regular litter picks.

It is because of this strength that the Freshney has been targeted by the Conservative administration because CLLRS are transparent, have raised the profile of local governance and placed it in the public domain. We therefore are stronger because of them; unfortunately this isn't appreciated by those that wish to govern unchallenged. Our borough is better for having Freshney and Yarborough wards; strong representation and strong communities. The breaking up of such wards would hamper the ability of NELC to thrive under transparent governance and productive challenge. Having family in the Freshney it is clear that the relationship between the community and its elected ward councillors is at an all time high. If this great borough of ours is to prosper and thrive such gerrymandering must be prevented by the boundary commission. Not doing so will firmly return our local governance to a select few and reduce the voice of its constituents.

Attached Documents:

None attached