

Trafford Borough Council

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I am writing to express my objection to the proposed boundaries for the new Timperley Central ward (Trafford Council). I have lived on the Broomwood since 1953 and was one of the first tenants on the estate. I am specifically concerned that the proposed boundaries will divide the Broomwood estate - which is a self-contained community in its own right and which comprises a large percentage of Trafford's social housing. Dividing such a community in an arbitrary manner for administrative reasons is contrary to the objectives of the boundary commission and undermines public trust. Due to the circumstances of the pandemic, suitable consultation has not taken place. If it had, I am confident that the mistake of dividing the Broomwood estate would have been spotted at an earlier stage. The estate has many local amenities and services including a post office, a community café, a local community centre, dentist, medical centre as well as Broomwood Primary School. The Broomwood is also serviced by the number 11 bus. I regularly attend the G-Force community café and worked at the Broomwood Primary School for 25 years. I have watched this estate move from a building site to a community. I think it is absolutely wrong to treat this estate as anything other than one community. I use the local hairdressers and the Broomwood Pharmacy as well as the Post Office. My GP is based on Mainwood Road where the new boundary is proposed. I make regular use of the Broomwood Community Centre which is attended by people from all over the estate. There is a community spirit here which spans several generations and it should be recognised at an administrative level. I have attached a document which more comprehensively explains what is meant by 'The Broomwood' and which highlights the various community assets within it. Thank you, [REDACTED]

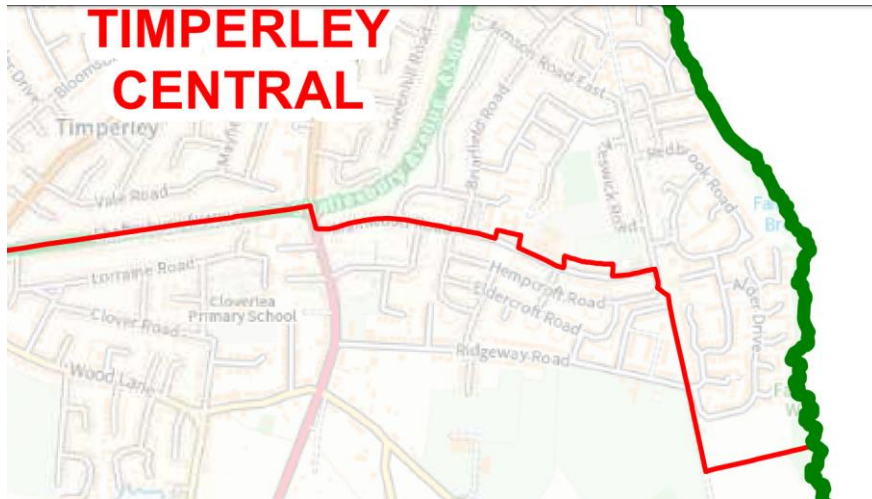
Uploaded Documents:

https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1644235692_WE+ARE+BROOMWOOD1.pdf

URGENT : Save Broomwood from being split in half!

The Problem: Every 20 years the Boundary Commission, based in London, redraw the boundaries of electoral areas.

They normally visit and meet the community, but last year due to Covid, did the whole thing while based in London. Their draft proposal is to split/cut the Broomwood in half, down Mainwood Rd:



This matter because: funding is decided at a ward level. If the Broomwood estate is split between two wards it will become harder to get funding support to move our community forward.

This error, obvious to us, is something they have missed. The Commission stress they don't want to split communities, but they have made a mistake.

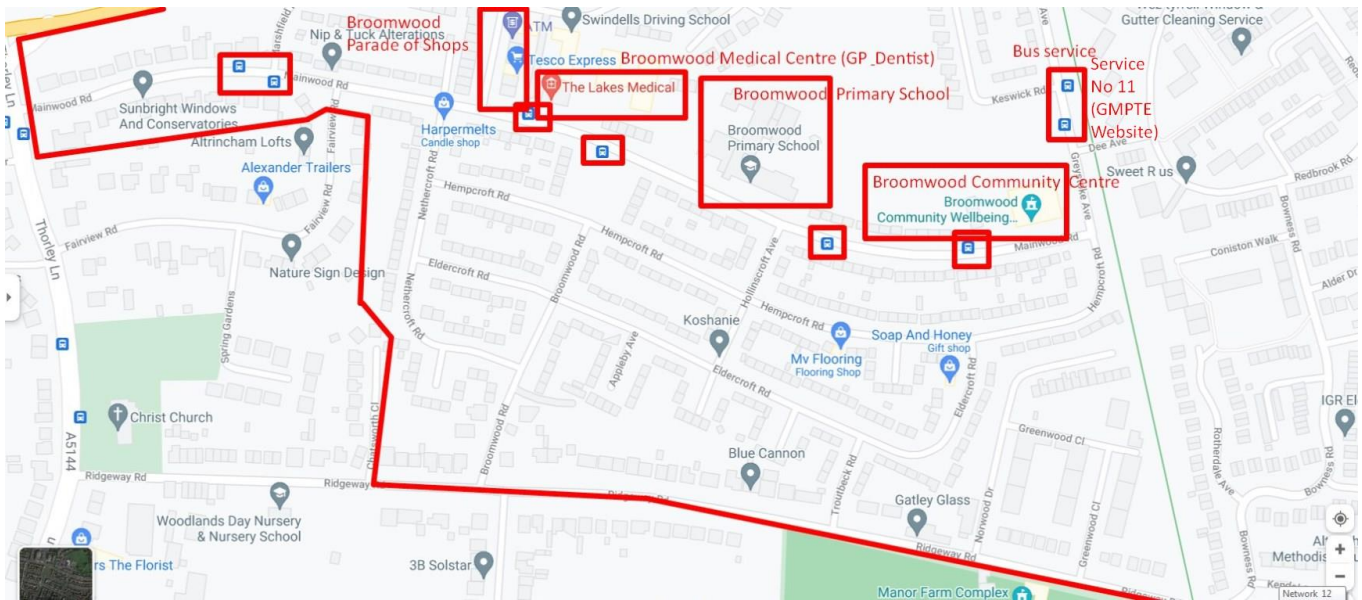
The Solution : We have to tell them they have made a mistake, or suffer the consequences for the next 20 years. See : <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/north-west/greater-manchester/trafford>

The Deadline : This Monday 7th Feb !

What We Do? We email (reviews@lgbce.org.uk) the commission with Valid Reasons, explaining how we are a single community. Please copy these below and add your own knowledge, enough to explain to someone that has never visited Broomwood, why we are one community!



In detail Mainwood & its Community assets (Shops, Medical Centre, School, Community Centre, Bus Route)



We are concerned how the draft changes, if accepted, would adversely affect the community of the Broomwood Estate.

The current draft proposals will basically cut this vibrant and defined community in half, not recognising it as a community in its own right, and then place it in two new wards; Hale Barns and Timperley South and Timperley Central.

The Broomwood Estate, out of all the sprawling area that Timperley itself has become, is uniquely recognised as a socially and geographically defined community in its own right. It just happens to be within the bounds of Timperley.

People living on Broomwood say they live on Broomwood, in Timperley and not just in Timperley.

Historically Broomwood was a new community of social housing (built in the 1950's on greenfield land) and was celebrated as such from the day people started moving in.

It has, in its geographical heart both the Broomwood Primary School and the Broomwood Health & Wellbeing Centre. **NOTE not** Timperley **but** Broomwood.

The parade of shops on Briarfield Rd are known as the Broomwood Shops, used by everyone within the Estate. It is a focal point and includes the Post Office (inside Tesco's) & "Broomwood Pharmacy"

Also at its heart is the Lakes Medical Centre (named after the many roads on Broomwood; themselves named after the many Lakes in the Lake District). It is home to our Doctors Surgery and a Dentist. The building itself lies between the School and the shopping parade. Again at heart of the Broomwood community cementing all these important social providers together.

Added to this, and just as important though, is the fact that Broomwood (uniquely to its southern neighbour, the highly affluent Hale Barns) suffers with a high degree of deprivation with many families suffering with a range of social, health and economic issues. It comprises almost entirely of Social Housing.

It also has a resident led '**Broomwood Community Association**' and an established '**Broomwood Partnership**' that is made up of statutory and voluntary agencies and that is supported by the Local Authority. Both of these groups work specifically for the benefit of Broomwood and have been running for many years.

Feel Free to ADD other reasons why we are one community. Thank you!