

Local Government Boundary Commission for England,
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re Epping Forest review (my ref [redacted])

Houghton

Now that Commission has added Whitebridge PD to Buckenot Hill East, my submission can be amended to 17 three member wards, 1 double, 1 single.

Please note there is no need for Rodney ward (my Rodney and Alderton) to cross

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Rectory Lane (a natural boundary) and include part of Broadway PD.
By transferring Hillyfields PD to St John's (it was part of St John's prior to 1999 Review)
the remaining Broadway + Eastmead ward to the east of Rectory Lane can be kept intact.
(Buckenot Hill E + Whitebridge 5174 (-19%), Rodney + Alderton 6542 (+30%), Broadway + Eastmead 6659 (+5%),
I would add St Mary's name to Forest ward, giving sense of continuity to existing names, St John's 6749 (+6%)

Witham Abbey

I cannot see that splitting Honey Lane PD from rest of existing Honey Lane ward gives a sense of community. With regard to current High Beach ward it has geographically separate parts. Sewardstone PD is a ribbon development stretching from the Chingford border to the commercial Witham Abbey centre. In the east, Upshire + Woodbine close sit between Pateroster and the Epping Road B1393. The urban roads of Southern Crooked mile also sit best with existing W Abbey SW ward along with Sewardstone.

Epping, Razeing, Theydon Bois, Hambrook, Passenford

I note that Razeing Parish wants a 3 member ward comprising all parts of the Parish. Theydon Bois would rather remain on its own (not possible) but is urban and adjacent to Southern side of Epping (Epping part of the Epping + Theydon Bois County Division). It certainly has nothing in common with the main population parts of Passenford ward i.e. Stamford Rivers (SW of Anger) and Stapleford Abbots (near Brentwood + LB Havering + Romford). From my past canvassing experiences, I note that residents of a bridge (the main part of Hambrook) have no desire to be part of a greater Chigwell. I believe my partitioning of Epping along the broad station road is a perfectly reasonable one, and that my submission meets their requirements and reflects "community ties". Certainly there is no way that Razeing village + part of Broadley Green should link with urban Epping. My submission also fits in better with the wards of Razeing and Epping + Theydon Bois County Divisions, helping to identify and name effective local government. In two years out of a three year cycle (Razeing excluded) using 2028 electoral figures 98.32% of district is able to vote, third yr (Hambrook + Passenford ward excluded) 96.62%. It seems to me, that the Commission has conducted a mathematical exercise to achieve 18 three member wards with little regard to "reflecting community ties", so I'm hoping my submission (17 SIs) with Houghton adjustment will be given consideration.

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ACKNOWLEDGE
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