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Hi there

I am a resident of Revere Way, Ewell, and I'd like to raise a strong objection on the suggestion to move our community out of WERA and into Ruxley ward in the proposed boundary change.

Firstly, the only access to our street is off a part of Chessington road - which is very much now and would continue to be part of the historic West Ewell Community. Whereas the rest of the Ruxley area constituency and community is all centred around the Longmead road, industrial estate and the predominantly social housing estates that run off it. Physically we are simply not now and wouldn't be connected to that ward nor it's community by any access point.

Secondly but most importantly, the residents of Revere Way are very much ingrained into and proudly part of the historic WERA ward and it's thriving community. The ward change out of WERA threatens to damage this and cause multiple negative consequences for us:

Core identity and the sense of belonging

As predominantly owner occupier residents in a privately managed estate our sense of identity is very much aligned with and firmly integrated in with those of the similar roads that make up the majority of the WERA community. If we were suddenly ripped out of WERA to find ourselves part of the Ruxley ward, we would find ourselves suddenly the odd man out in the ward, where the community characteristics, residents social makeup, street appearance, sense of cultural identity of the ward is all completely different. We simply wouldn't belong.

Damaging change

People living in Revere Way predominantly invested in properties as owner occupiers with being a WERA resident in mind. It was and remains a large part of the strong appeal of living in Revere Way where properties to both purchase and equally to rent are extremely highly sought after. People really want to be part of this community as it is now - as part of WERA. There is very strong concern about any aspect of this changing. Not only to the obvious negative impact of the streets appeal changing on house prices, but to the the knock on impact in turn to the core characteristics, culture and sense of identity of the Neighbourhood.

Inadequate representation

There is also concern that being torn out of the WERA community would leave us in a position where the specific needs of our residents, in a privately managed road, would be very poorly served under the Ruxley ward representation. As the odd man out in a new community to which it doesn't fit into or belong, there would be little support for our resident's needs. The Ruxley ward historically has counsellors beholden to the policies of a political party who's priorities are generally at odds with the interests of owner occupiers in a privately managed streets like our own and who would always be more interested in prioritising the needs of it's majority of constituents who have very different needs and interests. We would be always losing out in any prioritising of investment or resources accordingly and this can only be to the long term detriment to the quality of life of all our residents. We are most appropriately and more fairly represented by being part of the WERA ward where the majority of residents have interests and concerns most similar to our own and as such we are more likely to have any of our concerns fairly listened to by our counsellors.

As such there is absolutely no appetite for this change in our street and the negative impact it can have for residents in our road.

As such we kindly request that you please do not go ahead with the planned change

Kind regards

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