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Altrincham and Bowdon Civic society covers Altrincham, Bowdon and Broadheath wards and comments on Timperley planning matters. We have spoken to the relevant councillors and wish to comment as follows.

We think the proposed changes are well argued. Where we do have doubts about new councillors being involved in for example Oldfield Brow where there is a legacy of planning still undecided it has been pointed out that by 2023 there may be new councillors from different parties.

When we are approached by residents seeking advice we always say "have you spoken to your ward councillor" mostly they say they don't know their wards or their councillors. So for us the most important thing is to communicate the changes to all residents so everyone knows their ward and councillors. We find some councillors excellent with heavy case loads some not so engaged..We would be happy to formulate the best methods of communication with TMBC. and expect for us and the residents we represent there will be gains and losses. We have in the past run successful pre-elections hustings and would be happy to do this in 2023. So in summing up we hope that all the wards will have excellent ward councillors and it is present and future councillors who will be most affected by the changes rather than the community

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Comment text:

A very logical area. Much improved on the current situation. It will make a good Ward for voter activity.

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This is an improvement on the current situation. These boundaries reflect more how local people think of their area. The one place where there is a problem is the east side around where the B5165 is shown on the map. The small area east of the A56 (Washway/Manchester Road) and north of the un-used railway line thinks of itself as being part of Timperley or West Timperley and not Broadheath. Park Road which runs through this small area is a natural link to Timperley village. The unused railway line acts as a thought barrier with resident to the north thinking either Timperley or even Sale, while those to the south think Broadheath.

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To the north of this proposed Ward is Oldfield Brow. Oldfield Brow see itself as being part of Altrincham and certainly not part Bowdon. The roads run into Altrincham, as do the bus routes. The socio economics of the area are more in line with Altrincham than Bowdon. There is a wide green space between Oldfield and Bowdon. Oldfield has more in common historically with Broadheath than Bowdon. It should remain part of Altrincham. The proposed changes of moving Dunham into the Western Parishes makes a lot of sense. The residents of this area see themselves more as a rural area and not part of urban Bowdon.

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A very logical change. My only worry is the geographic size of this proposed Ward. It is a very different Ward to the densely populated wards in Trafford Borough as a whole. Given the low population density of the area it is more akin to a rural district council area and governed by Parish Councils. I worry as to the way the city thinking of Trafford may overwhelm this very rural area. Even its name has the connotation of being something very different to the rest of the Borough.

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