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Good morning,

I wish to provide some feedback as a resident of Epping Forest.

Firstly, I disagree with the size of the wards and how they disproportionately break up rural areas.

We have a duty with this review to ensure that history of our communities are protected and that their names reflect the areas they represent.

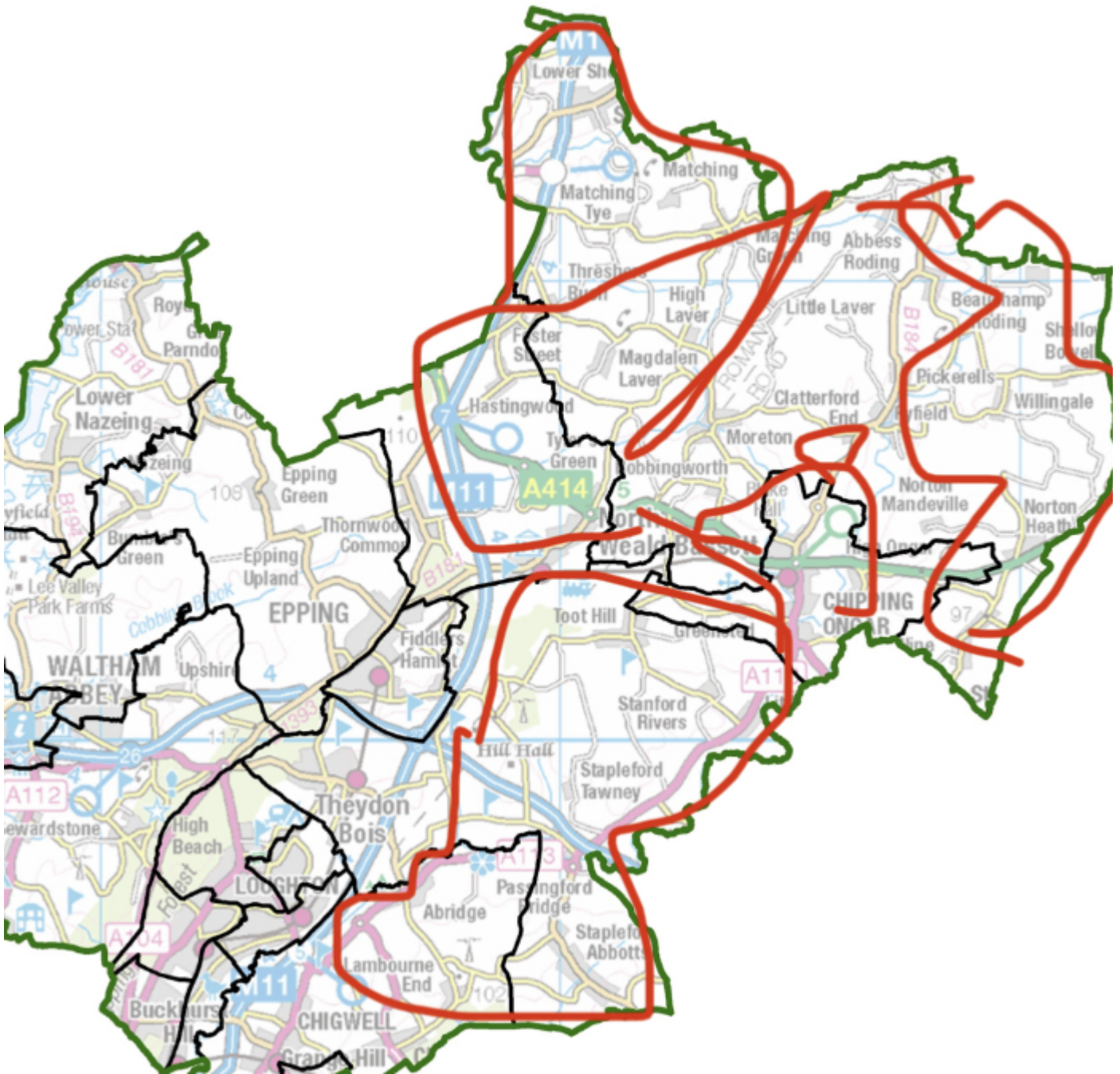
The proposed "Rural East" consists of what was "Moreton & Fyfield", "High Ongar, Willingale & The Rodings" & "Matching & Sheering". Local councillors have a duty to represent the people that elect them. How can this be done properly when you represent such a large rural area. Three members elected in "Rural East" could all be living in one parish, which means the representative function of the democracy would be flawed. The current arrangement works. Councillors are elected from each ward, who live in that ward. Giving a good representation of the vast rural area. Whilst this would not be impossible to achieve under the new review. It would be some what unlikely. The name of the new large area is wrong. It does not mention a single name. How on earth can residents access support from their local councillor when there is not real direction as to who represents them. Many local rural areas feel left out as it is, neglected. The lack of name of such historic places is offensive and a failure of the boundary review to respected the historic personality of the communities it should protect. Geographical integrity should be at the heart of such a review.

As regards the "Ongar" seat, it does not respect the historic importance of the town which is made up of and currently named as "Chipping Ongar, Greenstead & Marden Ash", "Shelly" and "High Ongar". It is wrong that this history should be lost by the shortened name of "Ongar". Something that is particularly wrong for the community of High Ongar which is completely separate to Ongar.

Finally, the combination of Theydon Bois and Passingford does not make any sense socially, economically or politically. The two communities do not go hand in hand. Passingford residents link to ongar, chigwell and Loughton areas. Northern Passingford more towards Harlow. In this new proposed ward not only does it not make sense for community cohesion it also runs the real possibility that three councillors from Theydon Bois could be elected. This could have a detrimental affect on the representation of people in the rural communities. Something that would be as a direct result of this review.

I hope you will be able to see the logic to my points and reflect on the suitability of the areas and their names and work on an alternative solution that respects the integrity of rural communities. Below I have some suggested boundaries and also hope you will respect what the role of a District Councillor is a realise how this proposal would make councillors ineffective in certain areas.

2 December 2022.



Kind regards

Sent from my iPhone