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To whom this concerns,

I would like to submit my comments to the boundary review in Castle Point. I have two attachments that I would like to be considered and have attached to this email. I thought visual support would aid my contribution.

I am making this submission in agreement with the Conservative Party proposals as a Member of the Public. My details are as follows:

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If any additional information is required, please let me know.

Kind regards

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The Boundary Commission have produced a fair proposition for changes to the local election ward boundaries in Castle Point. The local authority have overseen significant population shifts within its current boundaries and adaptations are needed in order to deliver best value to voters and fair representation across the Borough. Many of the changes proposed by comparison to the existing boundaries help better distinguish communities in South Benfleet, and equally deliver the necessary remedies in order to shrink the size of the Council from 41 to 39. The Conservative Party agrees that the most convenient way to deliver this change in overall councillors is through the reduction of wards by one and an equalisation throughout the Borough with all wards having three elected representatives. Castle Point Conservative Association asks the Commission in light of these agreements to make minor amendments based on local, community factors which will be outlined where appropriate for each impacted ward. The most significant suggestion from the Conservative Party is the recreation of a ward to the West of Canvey Island based around the Dutch and Canvey villages. There is a great history behind the representation of residents within a form of Canvey West ward over many decades and the character of this part of the Island greatly differentiates from its other significant communities. Arguments surrounding this change will be outlined further in the body of our response to this consultation. In addition to this, the Conservative Party would like to use the opportunity afforded to residents throughout this review process to reconsider the names of the proposed wards. Suggestions have been made throughout guided by the Party's amendments and we hope this will support residents in better connecting with their locally elected representatives in future. We appreciate any consideration you can offer our proposal which holds firm many of the principal areas within the Commission's proposition with locally minded changes suggested where appropriate to community needs.

Canvey Village Ward This amended ward is similar to the original Canvey West boundaries with the exceptions of land north of Somnes Avenue and the Waterside Leisure Centre which we believe to be better connected to a ward based on the residential areas around Wintergardens and St Katherine's schools. The residential areas across both Canvey Village and the Dutch Village are interconnected and share similar social issues. The Boundary Commission should note the boundaries of a recent Public Space Protection Order covering the commercial land around Roscommon Way and the residential communities in the historic Canvey villages as an example of intertwined social issues which would fail to be coherently confronted without clear political boundaries that appreciate the need of a ward in the West of the Island. Moreover, this necessity is further exaggerated by the prevalence of commercial traffic movements and other social impacts from the retail estates in the West of the Island which also require addressing through a westernmost ward with dedicated representatives. Finally, the suggestion that residents currently residing within Canvey Central ward on current Castle Point boundaries would be well-suited by the same representatives as the villages ignores the way roads north of Long Road and south of Canvey Lake do not centre themselves on the retail park area, rather use the Town Centre as their route for commercial and retail interests. Additionally, many pupils in this central area of the Island find themselves divided between Wintergardens Primary School and Canvey Infants & Junior schools. This differs greatly with families in the West which would see Northwick Park as their local school. We believe that it is important for wards across Castle Point to be based around existing communities and would instead propose a Canvey Lake ward incorporating residents in the existing Canvey Central and Canvey Wintergardens wards as a better option for reducing the total wards on Canvey Island whilst still maintaining the sanctity of a community in the West.

Canvey Lake Ward The Lake on Canvey Island is a central point for congregation and travel within the Island community. It is one of the primary maintenance responsibilities of Canvey Town Council and is frequently used as a space for community events hosted by the Town Council. The Lake connects residents in the Town Centre to the residential areas around Wintergardens and those who live between Long Road and its southern bank. A ward focussed on this formidable community

centre point would be a change to current boundaries easily understood by the local community. In addition to this on social issues along the Lake and traffic concerns connecting Long Road with Link Road would be well represented by ward colleagues in this vicinity. Canvey Furtherwick Park Ward The Conservative Party's proposal differs from the Commission's suggestions in a minor way with the dissection of Canvey Town Centre. We have put forwards a proposal that naturally takes a significant portion of shops and community spaces to the south of High Street through to the easternmost point of Long Road within a ward using Furtherwick Road as its main link between these Town Centre spaces and the busiest parts of the seafront. Our proposed Canvey Furtherwick Park Ward connects the traditional soul of the Island with the original Furtherwick Park School site (now Castle View School), the Paddocks Community Centre, King Georges playing field and the Labworth building all incorporated within a singular ward. These communities differ from the residential areas around Hawkesbury Road which see Jones' Corner as a small commercial hub and face similar demographic and social circumstances to the village communities; which is why we have proposed this portion of Canvey South returns to a Canvey Village Ward in the west, and the Canvey Furtherwick Park Ward looks more to the east in order to produce a fair scale. In achieving this latter point with a Canvey Furtherwick Park Ward shifting more to the east, the Conservative Party proposal hopes to consolidate the whole central strip of the seafront within a single ward. This prevents the split leaving the Windjammer Pub and coastal rock pools that are key features of Canvey Island's seafront offering from being shifted into the easternmost ward of the Island without a focus on the seafront's hub of activity. Canvey Leigh Beck Ward The Boundary Commission's changes to the current Canvey East ward see a shift to the west including May Avenue and its surrounding roads including the Windjammer pub and other integral aspects of the seafront which do not fit within the quieter character of Canvey Point and split the Island's tourist offering across two wards. Instead we suggest that the residents living closest to St Anne's Church move into Canvey Furtherwick Park ward in order to deliver the fair allocation of electors across wards, and Canvey Leigh Beck Ward accommodates the community connected to Rainbow Road and Mornington Road which are self-contained from other residential areas through their connection with Larup Road and close vicinity to Smallgains Park and the nearby community hall. It is the Conservative Party's view that these minor adjustments would better suit local residents and provide a less disruptive change to the boundaries of Canvey East. The suggested renaming of this traditional Island ward to Canvey Leigh Beck provides a great opportunity for electors to feel better represented and connected to their representational boundaries. This part of Canvey Island contains the largest primary school in Canvey Leigh Beck, and Canvey Football Club, both of which are based around the Leigh Beck area. We feel this is an identity that would resonate with local electors. Canvey Newlands Ward The Boundary Commission has presented a similar Canvey North ward to what many residents have grown accustomed. However, it would be unfair to capture a community south of High Street in a ward to the north of the Island due to the disconnect with transport routes and social hubs. Instead the Conservative Party propose to contain the northern portion of May Avenue within Canvey Furtherwick Park ward where it is more geographically aligned, and the Rainbow Road to Mornington Road area residents within Canvey Leigh Beck. This would provide an opportunity to encapsulate the '60 Acres' community near Canvey Golf Course and all other residential areas spanning Kings Park, Harvest Road and Papenburg Road within the same ward based around key transport arteries: Somnes Avenue, Central Wall Road, and Dovernelt Road. There are many geographical and social explanations for why this ward structure is opportune for bringing similar communities together. On the one hand we have highlighted transport links – which are of particular importance to the Island community which is a highly congested region within Essex – whilst on the other this area covers a geographical flood plain which incapsulates a number of properties that face significant flooding issues, best fronted by ward representatives covering this significant area. In addition to this, Canvey Island is currently experiencing substantial changes to its demographic makeup, as shown in the 2021 Census. This Review should inspire to bring communities together and this ward structure would prevent the current division of Canvey's Jewish population across a number of disconnected wards. I have emailed the Commission with further comment and supportive documents. One of which is a visual aid and the other a detailed submission document in support of the Conservative Party's submission.

Uploaded Documents:

[Download \(https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1670780131_CPCA+Boundary+Review+Submission.pdf\)](https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1670780131_CPCA+Boundary+Review+Submission.pdf)

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CASTLE POINT

Draft recommendations for ward boundaries in the district of Castle Point October 2022

Sheet 1 of 1

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CANVEY ISLAND CP

- A CANVEY ISLAND CENTRAL
- B CANVEY ISLAND EAST
- C CANVEY ISLAND NORTH
- D CANVEY ISLAND SOUTH CENTRAL
- E CANVEY ISLAND SOUTH WEST
- F CANVEY ISLAND WINTER GARDENS

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