

## Castle Point Borough Council

### Personal Details:

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**Organisation Name:** Member of 2 local history groups and local resident for over 60 years

### Comment text:

I don't have a problem with where you have drawn the new boundaries (I must assume you have done the maths and I can't check it anyway), but the NAMING of the new wards is irrational and deeply irritating. Not a single house in your so-called 'Hadleigh West' is in Hadleigh! Victoria is an irrelevant name and has no bearing on local history or geography. Hadleigh House (which existed at the point where Benfleet, Thundersley and Hadleigh met) was renamed Victoria House in just its last four decades by the Salvation Army (from about the 1890s until the mid-1920s) but all this historical estate is OUTSIDE your Victoria Ward - so now is a very good time to correct this anomaly. Hadleigh East is really Hadleigh SOUTH, because the only bit of Hadleigh Excluded is the NORTHERN bit... The whole thing is a mess! I offer some logical alternatives for your consideration: Thundersley St George Thundersley St Peter Daws Heath St Michael Benfleet Tarpots Benfleet Appleton Benfleet Central Benfleet St Mary Hadleigh St James Note that I have included the names of the traditional communities (for it doesn't seem quite fair that Canvey gets to blazon its identity five times). One more point for consideration, please, The Polling Station for St James's Ward is remote and very inaccessible, especially to the elderly. If you are in any doubt as to the validity of my suggestions, please consult one of the several local history groups in the area, all of whom are shaking their heads in disbelief at the travesty of ward-naming that is being promoted. This is an excellent opportunity to BUILD community, but your suggested names will achieve the exact OPPOSITE and further disenfranchise the electorate. (I'm happy to offer further consultation should you be confused.)

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded

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**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Re: Castle Point electoral review - naming suggestions

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for the opportunity to make myself clearer. Indeed, as you surmise, the formatting has confused the sense of what I had written. I'll try again ...

I offer some alternatives for your consideration (your suggested names in brackets):

(St. George's) Thundersley St George

(Thundersley) Thundersley St Peter

(Victoria) Daws Heath St Michael

(Tarpots) Benfleet Tarpots

(Appleton) Benfleet Appleton

(Hadleigh West) Benfleet Central

(St Mary) Benfleet St Mary

(Hadleigh East) Hadleigh St James

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pasted from previous email:

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On [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] wrote:

> Dear Mr Hurrell

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> Thank you very much for your submission to the Castle Point electoral review.

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> Within your submission you say

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> 'I offer some logical alternatives for your consideration:Thundersley St George Thundersley St Peter Daws Heath St Michael Benfleet Tarpots BenfleetAppleton Benfleet Central Benfleet St Mary Hadleigh St James'

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> I wonder if you could clarify which of the proposed wards you suggest each of the above names should be renamed as you propose? I fear the formatting may have been lost when you made your submission on our portal.

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> Regards,

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> [REDACTED]

> Review Officer

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