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Comment text:

I endorse the approach contained within the attached spread sheet for the Basildon Borough divisions of Essex County Council. In particular the proposed linking of Wick ford with Bowers Gifford/North Benfleet in the LGBCE proposals does not recognise that although adjacent there is no access between the areas, the A127 cannot be crossed without travelling to Fairglen Interchange (A130 junction) or the A132 Junction both of which require travel through 1 or more other divisions. The following points also reinforce my argument:

- Due to the population growth in the area, we believe there should be an extra councillor in this area and would make all five divisions, two member areas. Currently four out of four are two member divisions.
- Creating single member divisions would separate communities and create areas with no connections to one another.
- Pitsea, Bowers Gifford and Vange have strong connections, relying on the same town centres and train stations. In some parts of Vange people refer to themselves as Pitsea
- Westley Heights should take in Basildon Town Centre with its close proximity and many of the issues directly impacting the town centre also impacting on the Nethermayne area of Westley Heights.
- Laindon and Lee Chapel North are linked. Often people in Lee Chapel North refer to themselves as Laindon
- Different parts of Fryerns are nearer different parts of the town, e.g. some more nearer Basildon Town Centre while other bits are nearer Pitsea.
- Billericay remains one area.

Wickford remains one area and does not take in Bowers Gifford which is totally disconnected from the area by the A127. It would take 10 to 15 minutes to drive through another division from Wickford to Bowers Gifford. Therefore these two areas should not be linked

I trust these points will be considered and taken into account before a decision is made

Regards

Cllr Malcolm Buckley CC

Attached Documents:

- Basildon ECC Proposal.xlsx