

Thurrock

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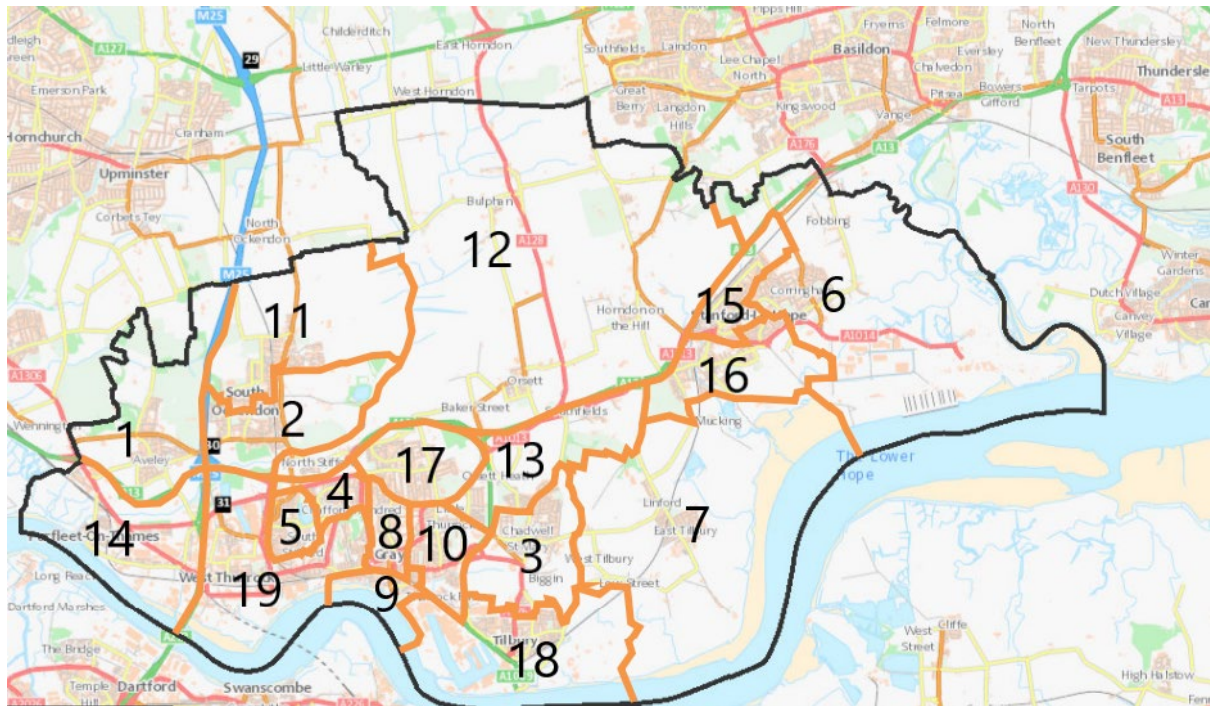
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Rationale

Aveley:

This ward should receive part of the current Aveley and Uplands ward – the part that is north of the A13. This provides a natural and obvious divide between the communities in Aveley and Purfleet.

This ward should receive part of the current Ockendon and Belhus wards – the part that is west of the M25. This provides a clear and obvious natural boundary between communities.

This would provide a ward for Aveley town with strong natural boundaries and good variance.

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This ward should receive most of Belhus ward east of the M25 (see Ockendon proposals for what is not included).

This ward should receive Ashdon Close, Dart Green, Alwen Grove, Galey Green, Bovey Way, Eden Green, Afton Drive, and 100-102 Daiglen Drive from the current Ockendon ward. This is part of the housing estate is divided from most of the housing estate by a ward boundary – indeed the only way in and out of Ashdon Close is through Belhus ward.

This ward would provide a natural home for the southern part of South Ockendon, it would provide stronger boundaries and good variance.

Chadwell and Tilbury North:

This ward receives all of the current Chadwell St. Mary ward that is south of Brentwood Road. Brentwood Road is a clear community boundary for those who identify as living in Orsett Heath and those who consider themselves as living in Chadwell St. Mary.

This ward receives all land west of Turnpike Road from the current East Tilbury ward.

This ward receives the following from Tilbury St. Chads: Gainsborough Avenue, Elgar Gardens, Poynder Road, Sullivan Road, Raphael Avenue, Wren Walk, Feenan Highway (from 53 and 102 upwards), Melba Gardens, Leiighton Gardens, Handel Crescent, Millais Place, Lawrence Gardens, St Chad's Road (from 128 and 167 upwards), Berkeley Terrace, Chadfields, Spindles, and the property that is in Biggin.

This provides good electoral equality for Tilbury town. This provides a clear ward boundary in Tilbury – much clearer than the current boundary. Tilbury has historically been in the parish of Chadwell St. Mary and the northern tip of Tilbury, which I identify above, have always had a closer affinity to Chadwell than to the Docks or Fort in Tilbury. The people in this part of Tilbury go to the same school as Chadwell children – Gateway Academy. This also unities all of the hamlet of Biggin in one ward.

This ward separates Chadwell St. Mary town with Orsett Heath, which is a clearly and identifiably a different community to Chadwell St. Mary – separated by Brentwood Road.

Chafford Hundred East:

This ward receives polling districts M and N from Chafford and North Stifford.

There is no affinity between North Stifford and Chafford. The houses to the west of Hogg Lane (locally known as the As) were the first development of Chafford Hundred and are an important part of the community and should continue being in Chafford.

This would provide good electoral equality and representation for the eastern part of Chafford Hundred.

Chafford Hundred West:

This ward would be the successor to the current South Chafford ward, but renamed Chafford Hundred West as it represents the western part of the Chafford Hundred development.

This provides good electoral equality and community representation.

Corringham and Fobbing:

This is an expanded Corringham and Fobbing ward to encompass all of the Corringham community in one ward.

This ward would get all of the current The Homesteads ward that is south of Southend Road.

This ward would get all of the current Stanford East and Corringham Town ward that is east of Springhouse Road, Gordon Road, and Springhouse Lane.

This would represent all of Corringham in one ward and would provide good community representation and good electoral equality.

East Tilbury and Linford:

This ward receives most of the current East Tilbury ward (except those identified in my proposals for Chadwell and Tilbury North and Orsett Heath).

This ward receives Mucking from Stanford-le-Hope West.

This would represent the rural villages and hamlets to the south-east of the borough.

This would have good electoral equality.

Grays Central:

This ward receives all of Grays Thurrock east of Bradleigh Avenue and Bridge Road.

This ward receives all of Grays Riverside north of the railway line and east of Eastern Way (so it includes Kingfisher Heights).

This ward has good electoral equality and represents the Grays community north of the railway line. The Grays community does expand into Stifford and Little Thurrock as there is an increased immigration in the area – so it should be named Grays Central to recognise that people who live outside of Grays might identify as living in Grays.

Grays Thameside:

This ward would represent the southern part of Grays town.

The ward would receive all of Grays Riverside ward south of the railway line.

This ward would have the south-east part of Grays Thurrock, the part that is between the railway line and East Thurrock Road and Gispy Lane/Maple Road and Bridge Road.

This ward represents the southern part of Grays town. This ward has an affinity with being Thameside rather than Riverside, due to the local school and theatre.

Little Thurrock:

This ward would have all of Little Thurrock Rectory.

This ward would receive Thurrock Park from Tilbury Riverside and Thurrock Park.

This ward would receive most of Polling District Z (except those outlined in Grays Thameside).

This represents the Little Thurrock community, which is an identifiable community to many of the residents. It is important that the roads between Bradleigh Avenue and Southend Road go into Little Thurrock as they are part of the Little Thurrock community and it is wrong for them to be in a Grays ward.

This ward would have good variance.

Ockendon:

This ward receives all of Ockendon ward east of the M25 except that which is outlined in the Belhus proposal.

This ward receives 22-70 Mollands Lane, which is part of the Brandon Groves community, which is split from the community in the current arrangements and needs to be amended.

This ward would have good electoral equality.

Orsett and North Stifford:

This ward receives all of the current Orsett ward north the A13.

This ward receives all of the current Stifford Clays ward north of the A13.

This ward receives all of the current Chafford and North Stifford ward north of the A13.

North Stifford is a rural village and would be best represented in a rural ward which represents villages, so the natural ward is to put it with Orsett, Bulphan, and Horndon-on-the-Hill.

The A13 provides a clear boundary between these communities and the Orsett Heath and Southfields communities.

This would have good electoral equality.

Orsett Heath:

This ward would receive all of Orsett ward south of the A13.

This ward would receive all of Chadwell St. Mary ward north of Brentwood Road.

This ward would receive Orsett Golf Course from East Tilbury.

This ward would receive AB polling district from Little Thurrock Blackshots.

Orsett Heath is an identifiable community in Thurrock and has a natural affinity with the Wood Side community in Little Thurrock Blackshots – they go to the same schools and sports clubs – and it has a natural affinity with Southfields – which also is a suburban community to the south of the A13.

Whilst the main road between Wood Side and Orsett Heath may seem like a natural boundary – it is not because of the footpaths and roads that cross it and that the residents cross it on a daily basis to go to school and shop and go to community facilities.

Brentwood Road provides a clear and natural boundary between the Orsett Heath and Chadwell communities and should be represented in ward arrangements.

Because Southfields and Wood Side have a natural facility with Orsett Heath, this should be named Orsett Heath.

This would have good variance and a good representation of the local communities.

Purfleet-on-Thames:

Boundaries

This ward should receive part of the current Aveley and Uplands ward – the part south of the A13. This provides a natural and obvious divide between the communities in Aveley and Purfleet.

This ward should receive part of the current West Thurrock and South Stifford ward west of the M25/A282.

This ward has clear and obvious boundaries and good electoral equality. This would represent the Purfleet-on-Thames community.

Stanford-le-Hope North:

This ward would receive all of the current The Homesteads ward north of Southend Road.

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This ward would have good electoral variance.

Stanford-le-Hope South:

This ward would receive all of Stanford-le-Hope West (except Mucking).

This ward would receive all of Stanford East and Corringham Town (except those outlines in the proposals for Stanford-le-Hope North and Corringham and Fobbing).

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Stifford Clays and Blackshots:

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This community have nothing in common with those north of the A13 or south of the Old A13.

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This has a clearer boundary than present, by using King George's Field as a boundary.

This would have good electoral equality and community representation.

West Thurrock and South Stifford:

This ward receives all of the current West Thurrock and South Stifford ward east of the A282/M25.

This ward would receive the Badger's Dene community from Grays Riverside.

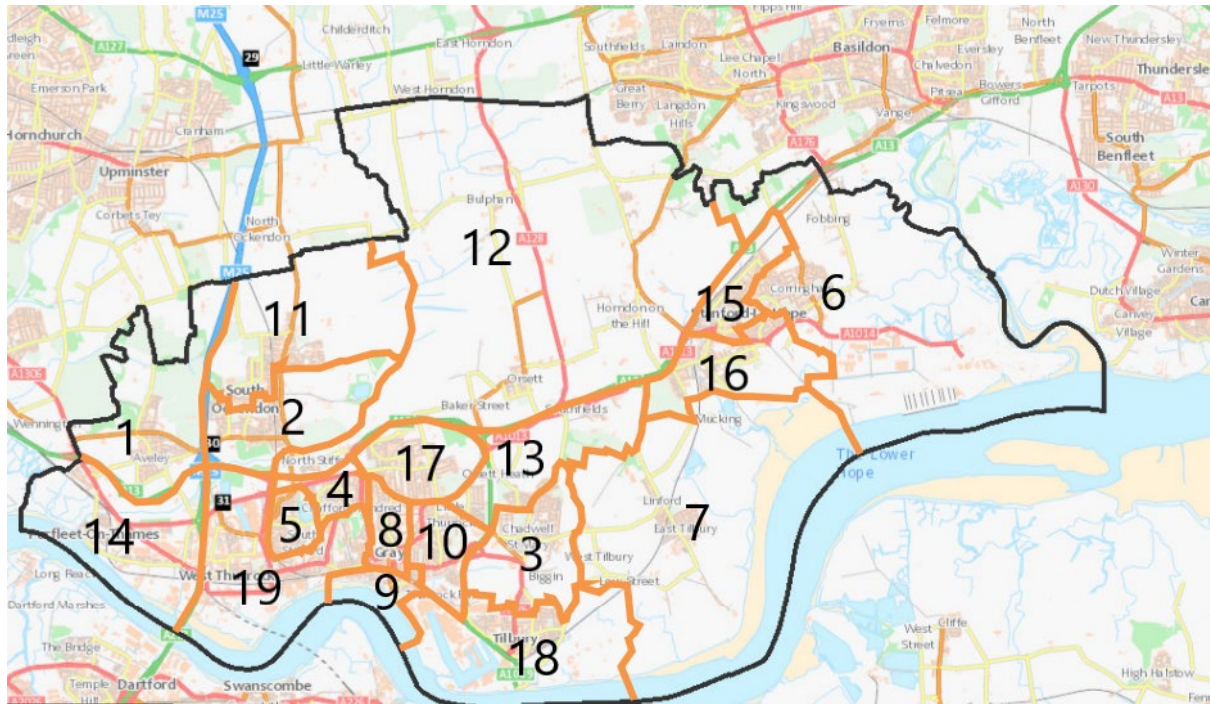
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