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Related subject: All of it.

I have no idea about how many councillors are in each ward and what would work best but I can tell you that as a lifetime member of this community, I'm appalled by the recent actions of our council. Not only have they recklessly spent £655 million on solar farms while slashing essential services and raising council tax again but they're also tearing apart the fabric of our neighbourhood by enabling London's gentrification of its more deprived areas. By welcoming unwanted residents from other councils, they're turning our streets into playgrounds for undesirable individuals, while longtime locals are left feeling unsafe and scared in the places in which they've grown up. It's a blatant disregard for the needs and well-being of those who have called this place home for generations.

The council never listen to community input. Despite loud and clear objections from residents, they push through planning applications with complete disregard for the lack of infrastructure in the area, leaving us feeling powerless and voiceless in our own communities.

The only good part of Grays is the park which has been turned around by the tireless work of local residents.

The council's decision to get rid of our beloved local Thameside theatre, despite overwhelming objections from residents, feels like a slap in the face.

So I don't think wasting money on changing boundaries and the number of councillors in each area is a particular priority for most people at the moment. There are many more pressing issues.

It's time for the council to stop prioritising their own agendas and start listening to the people they're supposed to represent. Our neighbourhood deserves better, and it's high time they started acting like it.

Attached Documents:

None attached