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Related subject: Herne and Broomfield

I wish to register my objection to the proposal to cut part of Broomfield away from the current Herne and Broomfield district ward and add it to an unrelated new Wantsum ward.

The link between the former hamlet of Broomfield and Herne village goes back a very long time and today we have a very cohesive community. The proposed new boundary will have a divisive effect on this community spirit and those living in the proposed annex feel that they will become disenfranchised from the rest of the Parish. There is also the feeling that once this split has been established, then it will open up the way for further "changes". It does not make sense to break up such an historical ward and leave a small part of Broomfield feeling a loss of identity.

I feel this new ward will be very disjointed and that the newly elected Councillor would struggle to represent the small part of Broomfield that has been annexed, as well as dealing with such a large rural ward. I understand that the present representation of 2 City Councillors already works well, so why alter this?

Finally, if a new ward must be created, then perhaps Upstreet could be taken into consideration? That way no village or hamlet would be broken up. Please keep Herne and the whole of Broomfield together.

Thank you.

Attached Documents:

None attached