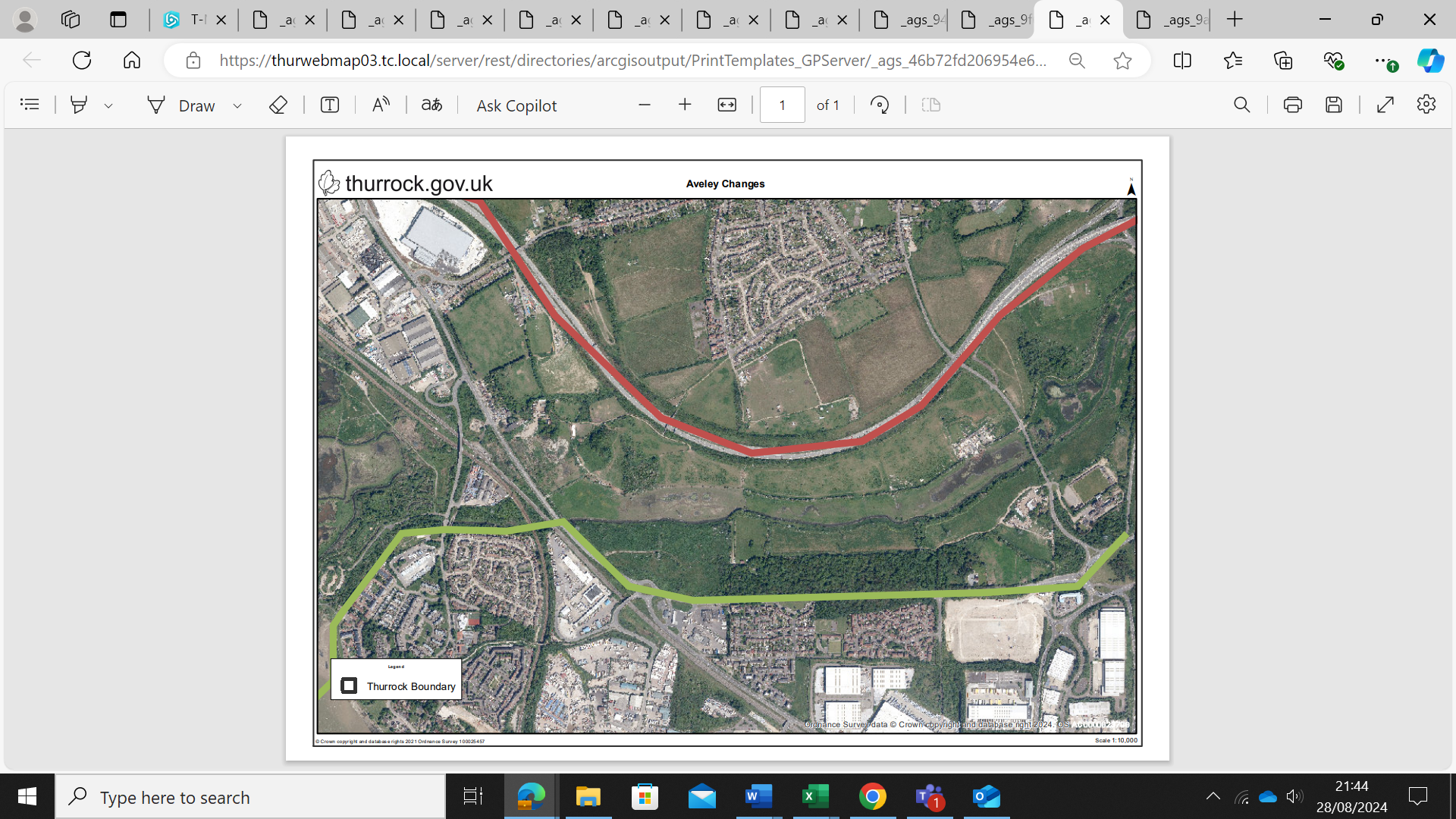
I am writing as a ward Councillor for Aveley and Uplands on the proposals for Thurrock Council.

I am in broad agreement with the ward proposals. I think the M25 is a clearer boundary with Ockendon and Belhus wards than the present boundary, and I support the Uplands going into a new Purfleet-on-Thames ward.

However, I do think the A13 is a problematic boundary. Purfleet Road goes across the A13 and residents on Purfleet Road are firmly within the Aveley community and should be in Aveley ward. Aveley marshes should also be in Aveley ward. Therefore I propose a new boundary between Aveley and Purfleet-on-Thames – Arterial Road, until it meets the Mar Dyke, and then following the Mar Dyke down to the borough boundary on the River Thames.



I also think it is right to keep the name as Aveley. Kenningtons is an estate within the Aveley village. I fear that renaming the ward Aveley and Kenningtons would provide a division amongst residents and would note that there is a community divide, which ward councillors should be working to reduce. The village has always been Aveley and I think it is wrong to rename a ward based off housing estates as then every ward could be renamed exceedingly long names based on all the different housing estates in the wards, and I think renaming this Aveley and Kenningtons would provide a precedent to rename wards based on housing estates rather than the villages or towns as a whole – for instate, the proposed Purfleet-on-Thames ward could be renamed, ‘Purfleet-on-Thames, Watts Wood, the Uplands, and Garrison’, which would follow the precedent set by renaming Aveley to Aveley and Kenningtons. I sincerely hope that the LGBCE continue with their plans to keep the ward as Aveley ward.