

Thurrock

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Comment text:

Related subject: Grays South

Orchards Community Forum is a cohesive residents group that covers the area from Bridge Road to Whitehall Lane, and High View Avenue to the railway line incorporating Church Street, Wood Street, Gypsy Lane and Elm Road Open Space. The proposals for new ward boundaries effectively carves what is already a cohesive community into two separate areas that no longer connect to each other.

Roads on the northern side of East Thurrock Road (Kent Road, Salisbury Road, Richmond Road, Benson Road and Whitehall Lane) will move to Little Thurrock Ward. As an area we do not identify ourselves with Little Thurrock. There is no community connection; housing stock is different and the area is away from any that we might traverse in our day to day lives.

Roads on the Southern side of East Thurrock Road will be included with the former Grays Riverside ward. We align ourselves with Grays town - the riverside area is the other side of the railway line. We have a distinct community identity and the proposals will split our area into two. Our organisation has existed for many years and we have effectively built up a vibrant community identity which would be torn in two by these proposals. They have been discussed at length by our residents and this feedback is that of our residents group which I have been asked to put forward on all our behalfs.

In short, the proposals seek to separate us from each other and Grays town. They do not take into account the existing cohesive community that we represent and seek to align us with communities which have different issues to ours. Therefore we ask that the proposals be reconsidered.

Attached Documents:

None attached