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**Related subject:** The Homesteads

Dear Sir/s

I don't feel it is necessary to change the name of the Homesteads ward to Stanford-le-Hope North as the name Homesteads has stood for many years and has a rich community history bearing that name. I also think that it will have a detrimental effect on the ward councillors impact in the Homesteads area and consider it an unnecessary change, just for change sake!

Not only do I see any reason for the boundary changes that would benefit the area, but I can't understand why it is necessary to mess with boundary changes that have stood successfully for many years and have seen many successful accomplishments.

The only reason I can see, that might have a bearing on this talk of change, is from a political perspective and standpoint where bureaucrats want to interfere and to wipe its name from the political map. Is Nepotism rearing its ugly head? I personally do not want to change the Homesteads ward as it has served me well all the time I have lived in Stanford-le-Hope and many of my neighbours are of the same opinion.

My wife has lived in this area for 42 years and believes that the Homesteads three present Councillors who concentrate and focus on local issues will be less effective because she believes any new Councillors coming into the area may not have the local knowledge required to function effectively because if the Boundary Commission get their way the new ward area they cover will be much greater.

Finally, do the powers that be, who are making these suggestions for change know much or anything about our district and anything related to its history and most important of all, do they live in this area and contribute to its wellbeing. Please leave our ward alone and let it remain as the Homesteads ward.

Yours faithfully  
Michael Rogers

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*