

Basildon Borough Council

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Hi there, I believe it is imperative that this boundary review includes and reflects the current plans for development south of the A127, paying particular attention to the developments in Basildon Town Centre. We know that 492 units are going to be built in Market Square, and we know that the former M&S block will be turned into a block of flats of 495 units. Both of these developments have been granted planning permission. With the recent InfraRed Eastgate application, there is precedence that shows this development will also go ahead on appeal. The appeal for this application, which sets out to build 2800 units, will be heard in August 2022. Boundary reviews usually take place once every 20 years or so, but these developments mean a variance of 30% in one ward will be reached rapidly. I've been told by the boundary commission's representatives at the LGA Conference that developments up to 5 years will be taken into account. When making your decision, please note that all the recent building plans, Land at Market Square, Basildon Town Square North (former M&S block), Eastgate InfraRed, Gardiner's Lane South, Semptra on car park 14, next phase of Dry Street - are all situated south of the A127. There can be no justification for cutting wards south of the A127 when the previous Local Plan stipulated that 16,000 of the 21,000 homes will be built in the south of the borough by 2036. Please find attached a proposal that I believe would be more suitable. Kind regards Melissa McGeorge

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