

Basildon Borough Council

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Sir/Madam At present it is almost impossible to consider any ward re-alignments which would involve wards across the physical and cultural boundary of the A127 Arterial road. I am making no such suggestions. This means that the current slight over-representation of North Basildon compared to the South will have to continue. This is made less acceptable by the fact that the increase in population within the borough under the local plan, is expected to be very largely concentrated south of the arterial rather than the north. It is therefore essential that overall there is no reduction in the number of councillors in the southern half of the Borough. Within the North it should be possible to retain the current 18 councillors by dropping one ward. Most of the 3 councillor wards current wards have a sensible number of residents so the changes could be concentrated on the two councillor wards. This suggests to me moving some of Wickford Castledon to Wickford Park and most of Crouch to make up Wickford Castledon numbers. Those remaining to make up the current lowish numbers in Burstead Ward. Within the South again most of the three person wards are good for their current number ratio. I would suggest that apart from Nethermayne these could retain their present boundaries and loyalties. I believe part of Nethermayne should be added to Langdon Hills to make that a three person ward. Numbers could be added Nethermayne from the current Vange two member ward. I feel that Vange and St Martin's are two members wards which were not well served by the previous boundary changes and although losing Vange as a separate identity would be regrettable it currently covers less than half of what we would locally call the Vange community. Some of this is already in the Pitsea South East Ward and could be moved over to that ward to round up the slight deficit over the two Pitsea wards. Another part which I would call Barstable East in historic terms could be added to St Martin's Ward to join Barstable West and make up the numbers to make this a three member ward. I believe my suggestions would involve the minimum number of changes necessary to meet the three member ward requirement without any serious disruption to current community loyalties.

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