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Why do ward boundaries so often run down the middle of residential roads? This seems very strange to me, splitting up some of the natural micro communities. Would it really be that much more difficult to run ward boundaries "between the gardens" - that is, keeping both sides of residential roads in the same ward? The line might be a little wiggly at some road junctions, but does that matter? Yes geographical boundaries such as rivers, parks, open spaces are natural boundaries. So are certain major or busy roads, for example dual carriage-ways, which in practice have a limited amount of residential people crossing them. But in residential roads one's natural neighbors are just as likely to live across the road as on the same side. Boundaries have to be somewhere, but to me it makes more "communities" sense to aim at keeping both sides of residential roads in the same ward and having the boundary between neighboring roads.

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