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**Comment text:**

In January Dunham Massey Parish Council conducted a survey with local residents to establish their views on the proposed boundary changes. In total 31 people completed the survey of these: • 58% think the changes are an important issue and 19.5% quite important • 74% think the proposals would not give them better representation from Trafford Councillors • 74% think the proposals do not reflect community interests and identities • 77% disagree that changes would provide better services and effective local government • 90% want to stay in Bowdon with 9.7% having no strong views either way. Attached as a pdf are the written responses. Below is a summary of local views. Dunham Massey has more commonalities with Bowdon. Our school age children attend Bowdon schools. The church parishes of St Marks and St Margaret's are in the benefice of Dunham Massey and share the same minister. The residents have similar values and aspirations as those living in Bowdon. Dunham residents' shop, socialise and use the facilities available to them in Bowdon and central Altrincham. Dunham has much more synergy and connection to the Bowdon parish with an established sense of community - schools, shopping, community spaces, leisure spaces and hospitality etc. The history between Dunham Massey Hall and the wider Dunham Estate with Bowdon (and Altrincham) goes back generations and it would be destructive to bring that to an end - I have read nothing to convince me that this proposed change would be in the interest of Dunham residents. One resident emailed to say our objections are based on a number of key issues: • Representation at a ward level by residents that are not culturally aligned will divide, rather than bring together. • Education - We, along with all of our neighbours, send our children to schools in Bowdon and Hale. • Religious - Those residents who have a Christian faith and do not attend St Marks church, attend one of a number in Bowdon and Hale. • MP - We are, and will continue to be, represented by the same MP as residents in Bowdon and Hale and not that of Carrington and Partington. • Democratic voice - ours will be lost with the rising number of residents in the proposed developments at Carrington and as such will no longer feel represented at a ward level. • Shopping - Our shopping is carried out in Altrincham and Hale, not Partington or Carrington The Parish Council are in agreement with its residents and that the proposed boundary changes would disrupt the community's interests and would not reflect the community's identities. The Parish Council opposes the recommendation that Dunham Massey be merged with Carrington, Partington and Warburton to form a single ward. Finally this proposal does not respect parish council and natural community boundaries.

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**In January 2022 Dunham Massey Parish Council conducted a survey with local residents to gather their views on the proposed ward boundary changes. Below are the narrative comments that the Parish Council received.**

**Why do you say that?**

The new proposals place Dunham and Warburton in a ward with two other areas which have completely different needs and completely different socioeconomic values and interests.

Dunham Massey has more commonalities with Bowdon. Our school age children attend Bowdon schools. The church parishes of St Marks and St Margaret's are in the benefice of Dunham Massey and share the same minister. The residents have similar values and aspirations as those living in Bowden. Dunham residents shop, socialise and use the facilities available to them in Bowdon and central Altrincham.

If the proposed changes take place I think as a community we would lose are separate identity and as we have always been part of the bowdon ward I see no reason to change

Bowdon Ward more suitable for our small village.

Having only lived under the Bowdon Ward we have no comparisons so difficult to assess one way or the other !!

Dunham Massey has a closer cultural and demographic affinity with Bowdon.

I think partington has totally different needs to the other more rural communities

No reason to change

The proposal will dilute the unique nature of Dunham Massey and its conservation zone which is supported by Bowdon and Warburton residents but scoffed at by, and regularly abused by a minority of flytippers and thieves travelling from, Partington and Carrington.

National Trust and Listed properties

Proposed new ward will be too big and will dilute the interests of Dunham Massey

Our Parish Council have a good record of collecting and explaining our views.

Because there greater ties of our community with Bowdon in regards to schools, amenities etc.

Better representation as it is.
We are most closely linked to Bowdon and therefore the wards should not change.
Residents use facilities in the bowdon area- schools, churches, drs, libraries etc. not known of any established/historical links with the partington, carrington ward.
I think there may be different benefits either way, but unsure of the long term benefits or consequences at the moment
We use the services in Bowden, hale and altrincham as well as the shops, schools, colleges and leisure facilities. We do not use any of these in partington or carrington and i do not believe joining us will be of any benefit to the residents of dunham in any way and we will be lost in too big a ward
Because Dunham has much more synergy and connection to the Bowdon parish with an established sense of community - schools, shopping, community spaces, leisure spaces and hospitality etc. The history between Dunham Massey Hall and the wider Dunham Estate with Bowdon (and Altrincham) goes back generations and it would be destructive to bring that to an end - I have read nothing to convince me that this proposed change would be in the interest of Dunham residents.
Because we have a great relationship with the Bowden ward and are well represented by them. We have shared services with them and have a similar demographic ( have more in common) This would not be the case if we joined with Partington and Carrington.
The views of the local community will be lost in a sea of debate around by-passes etc. also the loss of the historical importance of Dunham and its rich history with Lord Stamford etc. whose influence spread far into the Bowden ward too. There is a real harmony of views between the citizens too.
Representation within the Bowden Ward works well.
We have little to no ties whatsoever with carting ton and Parrington. Our children attend schools in Bowdon and we are represented by the same MP
I feel Dunham Massey has more connection traditionally, historically, culturally, demographically and socially with Bowdon than it does with Partington and Carrington.
The residents of Dunham have more in common with the residents of Bowdon and Warburton than with those of Partington and Carrington. Common interests include schools, GP services, shopping, employment, and travel.
Our schooling as always been in Bowdon.What does it mean to change that we would not qualify for Bowdon church school .Young families deserve a choice.
<b>Response sent via email</b>

Our objections are based on a number of key issues,:

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Education - We, along with all of our neighbours, send our children to schools in Bowdon and Hale.

Religious – Those residents who have a Christian faith and do not attend St Marks church, attend one of a number in Bowdon and Hale.

MP - We are, and will continue to be, represented by the same MP as residents in Bowdon and Hale and not that of Carrington and Partington.

Democratic voice – ours will be lost with the rising number of residents in the proposed developments at Carrington and as such will no longer feel represented at a ward level.

Shopping – Our shopping is carried out in Altrincham and Hale, not Partington or Carrington.

<b>Any Other Comments?</b>
I feel that as we have developed close connections with Bowdon Ward and councillors over the years there is no reason to change unless we are been offered a better alternative which we haven't so better the devil you know !!
We use services in Altrincham, Hale and Bowdon such as schools, shops, restaurants and leisure facilities. By contrast we have little if any contact with Partington and Carrington. Partington is an area with high social deprivation and has nothing in common with Dunham Massey which like Warburton is primarily a rural community. Likewise there is little in common with Carrington especially as it is developed as part of the New Carrington project. Partington has c.7000 residents and Carrington will in the future have a population of c. 10000 residents as opposed to c.400 residents in Dunham Massey. There is a real risk that councillors would be elected principally by Partington and Carrington and would see their main task to represent their interests rather than those of Dunham Massey.
Where in Partington are there listed property
This proposal is a political waste of time

This appears to be change for changes sake.
It feels like politics by numbers. It's such a Westminster view. So much for levelling up, this has no consideration for local views at all. Its an exercise done blind by some overpaid consultant or civil servant. Bar this very proactive approach (thank you Dunham Parish Council) I've seen no big push by government to get any views. No big TV campaigns like we had for Brexit despite this impact century old wards and impact almost ever citizen. It feels very much like it's tried to be pushed through under the radar.
We implore you to allow us to remain with the Bowdon Ward to ensure our continued cultural, educational and religious alignment.
A merge with Warburton would be fine.
Why should we be less represented if we stay in the Bowdon ward that's served us very well.

