

Dartford District

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Maypole Ward, (revised name Leyton Cross) While this revised ward does reflect the original area of the Celt tribe Cassi, which were subsequently defeated during the Roman Invasion, today there are 2 distinct parts each with distinctive and locally used names both dating to before the 18th century - Maypole and Leyton Cross. Maypole, the western part, which seems to have been populated before the Leyton Cross area (Leyton derived from 'ley' meaning a land that is for a time laid to grass, clover, etc) contains 2/3 of the electorate, the local shopping area, the doctor's surgery, and the local primary school. The school retained the Maypole name when moved from the older development on the north side of the main road into the newer development to the south Hence the "centre" of this ward is in Maypole rather than Leyton Cross, Residents in the western area do not consider themselves living in Leyton Cross, but in Maypole, hence would expect this name to be reflected in the name of their ward . It is appreciated that the Leyton Cross area, which does not contain a shops/school/doctor surgery infrastructure and is being separated from Wilmington, with which it has a closer relationship than Maypole, the Leyton Cross residents would equally like to have their locality included in the new ward name. Hence the ward name "Maypole and Leyton Cross" would reflect the structure of this area and the natural wishes of the residents of each part. This proposal is supported by my fellow local councillors Brian Garden Conservative Councillor for Joydens Wood Ward Dartford Borough Council (which currently includes Maypole)

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