

## Crawley District

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### Comment text:

I would like to comment on the Crawley Borough Councils submission for Pattern of Wards dated April 2019. In particular I have deep concerns over the proposed changes to the Three Bridges Ward. Crawley was developed on the neighbourhood principle. Each neighbourhood is well defined with its own facilities and services. Schools, shops, churches and doctors surgeries are within walking distance. There is little through traffic. Page 22 of the Crawley Borough Council submission states "For most people in Crawley, their neighbourhood is their local community. Their local community's representatives are their Local (Borough Council) Ward Councillors. Borough Council Councillors are in most people's eyes not Ward Councillors but Neighbourhood Councillors. The strong physical separation which exists between neighbourhoods which generally contrasts with the cohesion and unity within neighbourhood areas, makes it very difficult to devise wards crossing neighbourhood boundaries, which have any logic, unity and cohesion." I am therefore completely puzzled and somewhat angry that the council then goes on to propose putting Tinsley Lane and the roads off of it, some 718 electors, into a ward with Langley Green almost 2 miles away separated from the neighbourhood by a strong boundary of industrial units with no dwellings at all. From Tinsley Lane to the nearest supermarket is a 13 minute walk - Tesco Hazelwick Avenue, Three Bridges the nearest GP - 20 minute walk - Bridges Medical Centre, Three Bridges nearest school - 19 minute walk - Hazelwick School, Three Bridges The report suggests Tinsley Lane is cut off by the A2011, but this is not the case as there is a bridge over the road specifically to ensure the area is part of the Three Bridges neighbourhood. Inbetween Tinsley Lane and Langley Green is the Manor Royal Industrial/Business district. The Manor Royal Business District is the biggest business park of the Gatwick Diamond area and one of the south east's main employment hubs, it covers an area of 240 hectares. There is just one block of flats, 1.5 miles away, which were converted under permitted development to the north of the Manor Royal Business district and adjacent to Langley Green. Other than that there are industrial units and warehouses, no dwellings at all. From Tinsley Lane to Langley Green would involve crossing 2 dual carriageways (Gatwick Road and the A23) and walking along the A2011 which does not have a footpath or along the internal Manor Royal Road dominated by trucks, heavy vehicles and commuter traffic. The neighbourhood centre and community facilities in Langley Green are over 40 minutes walk away. There is no reason for anyone living in the Tinsley Lane area to go to the Langley Green neighbourhood, also no one in the Three Bridges neighbourhood would identify with the Langley Green neighbourhood. Neither do the residents of Tinsley Green identify with the residents of one block of flats 1.5 miles away. (as suggested in the report page 50.) Our Councillors should be the Three Bridges Councillors, as we are part of the Three Bridges neighbourhood. There is a wide physical barrier between Tinsley Green and Langley Green - ie the uninhabited 240 hectare Manor Royal Industrial/Business Area. I therefore strongly object to the proposed removal of Tinsley Lane area from the Three Bridges ward. It should stay in Three Bridges. If this causes difficulties with the size of the ward then the obvious solution would be to remove the Gateway development in Station Way out of the proposed Three Bridges ward and place it in the Southgate ward. This development has yet to be built therefore has no neighbourhood identity and is directly linked to Southgate by the station, which will run under the development - indeed the platform has a gate straight into Southgate and is also linked via a bridge. This development is the only residential building on the south of the Town Centre and is therefore cut off from any other dwellings except those in Southgate. Residents from this development would indentify and use the faculties - GPs, schools etc in Southgate not Three Bridges which again is separated by a hard barrier of the County Mall Shopping Centre. The northern boundary of Southgate would then be the dual carriageway the A2220 Station Way. To summarise - the Tinsley Lane area should stay in the Three Bridges ward where it has always been.

### Uploaded Documents:

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