

## Bexley London Borough

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### Comment text:

Dear Sirs, I am one of 3 UKIP Councillors that were elected at the May 2018 local elections. I represent the ward of St Michaels, Welling. I also sit on the working group for the Boundary review. Having seen the Conservative / Councils formal presentation for the new Wards I must protest. Their proposal has been drawn up with political bias ignoring the local community. The example I would like to give is the Ward that I represent of St Michaels. The ward was built in the 1930's by a local builder named Stevens. The vast amount of property in this ward are Stevens houses and in the center of the ward in Wrotham Road. Within this hub of the community including we have Stevens Park, a Post Office, Children's Centre, Children's Health Clinic, Pub, Bakers, Convenience Store, Community Centre and a Primary school - St Michaels. St Michaels has a real community spirit and even though we are in a London suburb St Michaels has a real village feel along with our own Neighbourhood watch group. As the schools and facilities within Wrotham Road are the centre of this ward everyone seems to know each other and it has a real sense of camaraderie. I am against the Bexley Council / Conservative proposal for the following reasons; 1) It split St Michaels into 3 different Wards. 2) St Michaels is part of Welling but the proposal puts part of the Wards into a Bexleyheath Ward of Brampton. 3) The hub of the community Wrotham Road (pubs, shops, schools and park) is now the edge of the ward. 4) The local community spirit will be lost. 5) The local police, safer neighbourhood and neighbourhood watch will be split into 3 different wards (we were the 2nd Ward in London to have every street covered by neighbourhood watch). <http://content.met.police.uk/News/Bexleys-St-Michaels-ward-achieves-full-Neighbourhood-watch-coverage/1400029877315/1257246745756> 6) I believe the Conservative proposals are political decisions and are not in the best interest of the community. My proposal is that St Michaels remains the same boundary as before but becomes a 2 Councillor Ward. This would be our recommendation for all of the Wards within the Borough, use the existing Wards boundaries but reduce them to 2 Councillor wards. Best regards Cllr Chris Beazley UKIP Group Leader Bexley.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded