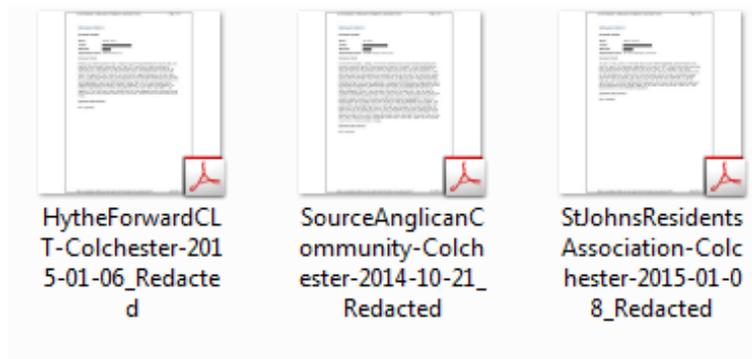


Local organisation submissions to the Colchester Borough Council electoral review

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Comment text:

Following our initial submission and in response to draft recommendations from the LGBC, the board of Hythe Forward Community Land Trust (CLT) would like to make the following submission: It is noted that the draft recommendations for Colchester Borough would see the area historically recognised as the Hythe (almost) wholly incorporated within one ward (Old Heath). We approve of this. However, we would like to suggest a change to the ward name. This is in order to preserve a link to the community's rich industrial heritage, but also to boost the coordinated efforts of local people and the local council to deliver sustainable economic and social regeneration under the 'Hythe Forward' banner. With this in mind we would like to suggest the following ward names in order of preference: 1) The Hythe 2) Old Heath & The Hythe 3) Hythe Harbour It is worth noting that the current ward name, 'Old Heath', is an adaption of 'The Hythe' and so any change along the lines suggested would be forward looking whilst respecting local heritage. Alistair Heron Vice Chair, Hythe Forward CLT (On behalf of the board)

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In the draft proposals, it states: "we received submissions from local residents regarding the cohesive community identity of the area known locally as Old Heath". In fact the submissions were with regard to the community identity of The Hythe, which is currently covered by 4 separate wards. This was formally part of Old Heath but that ward felt no connection to it and some years ago The Hythe became only partially covered by that ward. The community identity of The Hythe has become more distinct over the last 15 years with new housing and business developments, driven first by the council and then by the development of Hythe Forward CLT (Community Land Trust), set up specifically in response to difficulties around regeneration which had left the local population disenfranchised. Whilst most of us recognise that we are as yet not large enough to become a ward in our own right, these proposals effectively eliminate our identity altogether. Whilst it would be good to be part of one ward only - and the need for consistent representation is absolutely vital to this community - these boundary both reduce the Hythe to an area of marshland, when it is a growing community where people live and work - and still manage to leave it as a place without that consistent representation! If we are to become wholly part of another ward, that should not mean the eradication of our identity. The Hythe needs to be recognised, and if it is to be part of Old Heath then the ward needs a new name, and The Hythe has to be a part of that new name. However it must be noted that the better option for the people who live and work in The Hythe (in the event of being part of one ward) is to become part of Newtown, to be formally known as Newtown and The Hythe. If it is decided (wrongly in my view) to enlarge Old Heath so that once again The Hythe is part of that ward, then it should be formally recognised as Old Heath & The Hythe. Please do not eradicate a community in these boundary changes.

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Comment text:

To whom it may concern: I have been Chair of ST JOHN'S RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION for the past four years. The Association celebrates its 50 years in 2015! In that time we the Committee have worked tirelessly with all things to do with St. John's. i.e. Travellers on St. John's Recreational Ground, Flooding issues in the area, Major potholes. Plus the re-development plans for the new Betts site, that joins with Tendring District Council. We as a Committee strongly recommend that the section of St. John's due to be relocated onto Highwoods (i.e. Ipswich Road up to and including the Betts Site) remain with the St. John's area, this includes St. John's Church. It is not a vast amount of Residents, which means the voting figures would NOT be that detrimental to the change. Please will you look on this and review. Thank you - Bob Dunston Chair St. John's Residents Association

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