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From: Nickie Bailey [REDACTED]
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Subject: ELECTORAL REVIEWS OF TEST VALLEY

Sir,

After examining the proposals for the revised wards in and around Romsey these are my comments.

Your proposals do not take into account the long historic connections between the Wards, particularly Romsey and the surrounding countryside known as Romsey Extra.

As an example I give Broadlands house and estate as an example. The original land was once owned by Romsey Abbey and from thereon has passed down through the generations with 3 Lord Palmerstons and Lord Louis Mountbatten. Indeed we have 3rd Lord Palmerstons statue in the centre of Romsey and Mountbatten is buried within the Abbey in Romsey.

The current Lady Mountbatten is currently High Steward of Romsey.

Also the Plaza Theatre is a landmark within Romsey, also we have Romsey Station and Alma Road which leads to the station – so obviously within Romsey and less than half a mile from the Abbey.

The connection to Romsey is overwhelming and there is no connection with North Baddesley whatsoever.

The proposed changes will make local government confusing for the electorate, possibly reducing the number of voters, and will make administration more difficult and more complex.

I do not think the average elector will understand and want these proposed boundary changes and local government will be adversely impacted and open to ridicule through lack of judgement and common sense with the boundaries.

Councillor Nickie Bailey