

Rochford District

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BOUNDARIES Hullbridge residents are both relieved and grateful that its boundaries are to remain the same and that the identity of both the parish and district stay the same Hawkwell again as above residents have expressed relief that Hawkwell Parish Boundaries are to remain intact however the density has meant a split to East and West and some of the existing North and South (old East ward) will be in West. The West ward councillors have leafleted this area and have had no negative feed-back, indeed the only feedback is residents phoning up welcoming the change. NAMES Not sure of the name 'Wakerings' never heard of it before until the suggestion from the Ward Councillor Hockley and Hockley and Ashingdon are simple and descriptive. Hockley West and Hockley East and Ashingdon are totally confusing. Although the argument given for this is that a north south line divides Hockley this is not how residents of Hockley see themselves and will cause confusion. The new Hockley/Hockley West incorporates Hockley West and Hockley Central whereas the new Hockley and Ashingdon Ward includes and Hockley North and part of Central. To name this East and West diminishes the Central area and reverts to an old East name but with different boundaries which for older residents maybe confusing. I prefer Hockley for the Ward name. Ashingdon Parish boundary goes through Hockley addresses and most residents are aware that they have a connection with both areas. Therefore the simple Ashingdon and Hockley or Hockley and Ashingdon is both accurate and descriptive. Historically Ashingdon is a very important name (Battle of Ashingdon in 1016) and should be retained in the Ward name. Rochford North Name diminishes the Parishes incorporated in this ward and the proposed change to Rochford Rural I can support. The proposed Grange ward name loses the importance of the name Sweyne/Sweyne Park . this ward was Grange then Sweyne(Park) to change back to Grange seems change for changes sake. The proposal of Sweyne Park and Grange would fit better for both residents in the ward and be identifiable to those outside the ward.

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