

# GRESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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The Review Officer (Middlesbrough)  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
Layden House  
Turnmill Street  
London EC1M 5LG

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your letter of last month, the Gresham Community Council wish to register their objections to the proposed ward boundary changes to be brought into place after the elections in 2015.

According to the maps received with the letter, Gresham is to be split into two wards, Ironmaster and Crescent, with Ironmaster including an area of Whinney Banks. Gresham is a densely populated ward with very specific problems and Whinney Banks will have their own problems but these are likely to be quite different. Territory included in the split will be unknown as they are currently within the Park and Ayresome Wards which have very different problems to the Gresham Ward.

After discussion, residents agreed that we would again be suffering yet another severe breakup of the community and it was pointed out that concerns are about issues that affect them within the ward as apposed to the boundaries and where they are. It has taken more than a decade to reduce the many problems this Ward has experienced and residents feel that problems could well be diluted instead of being resolved.

We would appreciate these objections being taken on board and disagree that these proposed Wards reflect local community identities. We believe not enough thought has been put into where the new boundaries will be, as under the proposed scheme our local shopping area, Parliament Road, would be split, with each side in different Wards which is felt would be detrimental for all those living within the area.

Please reconsider for the benefit of the Gresham residents.

Yours sincerely



Linda Mole  
Chair, Gresham Community Council