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Please find attached the submission from the Clementswood Ward Councillors for the Redbridge Boundary review which has the deadline extended to today.

Kind Regards,

Cllr Helen Coomb

Boundary Commission submission for Clementswood Ward

1. Clementswood is a very mixed community of different ethnicities and religion in the south of the London Borough of Redbridge. It is also one of the most deprived wards in Redbridge with a high density of population. The number of residents has increased over the years and now the ward is considerably over the average.
2. It currently covers Ilford Town centre and extends along the High Road where it ultimately joins Seven Kings Ward. It includes Green Lane and to the west is partly bounded by Ilford Lane. The complicated gyratory system including Winston Way acts as a separation between most of the ward and Ilford Town Centre itself where pedestrian access is by use of the underpasses.
3. Ilford Lane is a vibrant and successful shopping and dining area which residents relate to and use regularly. Ilford Lane is a major TfL route and traffic artery. It is a natural boundary to the west of the ward. The inclusion of the parts of Kingston Road, Hampton Road, Henley Road and Mortlake Road which open onto Ilford Lane in a revised Clementswood makes sense because there is no physical, geographic or community separation. Some of the longer streets in this area currently cross three different ward boundaries and the demarcation is not always apparent to residents. On the other side of the present ward the inclusion of all the west side of Gordon Road makes geographic sense instead of having only a few of those houses. The distinction between wards is clearer and more cohesive for residents and more efficient for area related issues taken up by Councillors on behalf of those residents.
4. There are two Primary schools in the area, Cleveland Primary and Winston Way Primary. The only senior school offer is part of The Isaac Newton Academy which is on the High Road and also has pedestrian access on Green Lane for senior school aged pupils. There are many different religious and community groups active in the ward. There are Mosques, a Hindu centre, a Gudwara and different Christian denominations. There are active Neighbourhood watch groups. The only public open spaces are the area along Philpot Path and Buckingham Road cemetery. There is a sports ground at Cricklefield off Green Lane but accessed from the High Road.
5. The possible creation of a new ward to serve Ilford Town makes geographic sense for the reasons outlined in paragraph 2 above. Parts of Clementswood which might be included in this potential new ward are already included in the GLA Housing Zone which will lead to further development which will also increase with the arrival of Crossrail.
6. As a diverse, deprived and densely populated area three councillors are necessary to serve this community because of the nature of the work and the ability to have a mixed team.

Clementswood Ward Councillors
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