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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND (LGBCE)

REDBRIDGE LONDON BOROUGH - DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION BY THE CHADWELL COUNCILLORS

The Chadwell Councillors welcome the LGBCE's recommendations for the Chadwell Ward, and broadly for Redbridge as a whole. We are encouraged by the way in which the LGBCE has listened attentively to our, and other, submissions.

The LGBCE's recommendations include some forward looking changes that will greatly improve how residents are represented. In particular we welcome the creation of a new Ilford Town Ward, and moving Repton Park into Bridge Ward.

We are particularly pleased to see that the number of councillors is to remain the same, and that most wards proposed in the LGBCE's recommendations will be three member wards. Three member wards provide the most effective and diverse service for residents, both by promoting representation by teams of councillors that are diverse in terms of gender, ethnicity, age and life experience, which may produce benefits in terms of a degree of specialisation in casework, and constant cover to cope with other Council commitments, holidays, illness and bulges of work. Therefore we would encourage the LGBCE, should it consider it appropriate in making their final report, to finalise boundaries so as to provide even more three member wards.

Regarding the boundaries for the Chadwell Ward, we are encouraged by the LGBCE's recommendation that Quarles Park be included in Chadwell, in accordance with our suggestion in paragraph 9 of our submission of 4 April 2016. However, there is one minor additional change that we would suggest, and due to an oversight on our part, we did not mention it in our original submission. We apologise for the delay in making this suggestion and any inconvenience caused to the LGBCE and residents.

The suggested change would comprise moving Strouds Close from Seven Kings into Chadwell. Strouds Close is a cul-de-sac on the north west side of Chadwell's boundary. As a residential development of some 24 properties, it is relatively isolated, surrounded by Redbridge Technical College buildings and Newbridge Special School. The Close can only be accessed via Little Heath, which is in Chadwell; this links it to the Chadwell community rather than Seven Kings.

This change would have no significant impact on the relative ward electorates.

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