

## Redbridge London Borough

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### Comment text:

Many thanks for the opportunity to comment. I am Chair of the Safer Neighbourhoods Ward Panel for the current Church End Ward. One thing that does concern us is the policing structures around the new wards. Would these remain as they are or would police boundaries be moved to facilitate and fall in line with the Council's new system? If the plan is to change the beats, then we think it would cause regrettable disruption. Many of our active Ward Panel members would presumably need to move to new ward meetings and vice versa. More importantly though, excellent, effective relationships have been forged between the Safer Neighbourhoods Team and the community within the Church End Ward. This is particularly the case in the George Lane area, which has intelligence links with the Woodford High Road trading areas extending towards the Churchill statue. We strongly believe that to divide those areas would be counterproductive to the wider aims of the police initiatives to involve the community in fighting crime. We understand the underlying principle of evening out the numbers within each ward but would appreciate our feedback being taken into account, since the more negative effect of changing the boundaries as proposed may not have been considered. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information. Dr Elaine Atkins, Chair, Church End Ward Panel.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded