

## Redbridge London Borough

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### Comment text:

AIM OF THE REVIEW The review aims to deliver electoral equality for voters in council elections so that each Councillor represents roughly the same number of voters without splitting communities to ensure that council wards reflect as far as possible the interests and identities of communities and maintain local ties to follow logical boundaries such as main roads, estates and parks to provide for effective and convenient local government so that new wards can be represented effectively by their elected representatives for the number of electors to be around 3,600 per Councillor

**OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE NEW WANSTEAD PARK WARD** The proposed northern boundary of the new Wanstead Park Ward goes against the aims of the review as it does not follow a strong, clear and identifiable boundary, splits estates and communities and is illogical. The established southern boundary of Wanstead Park and Wanstead Flats is contained within the existing Wanstead Ward and proposed Wanstead Park Ward and is well defined and accepted. However the proposal for the northern boundary to be defined by taking out all residential roads south of Cambridge Park along the middle of St Mary's Avenue and middle of Overton Drive into the new Wanstead Village Ward arbitrarily divides the proposed new ward and the existing community and is illogical. The northern boundary should be defined by the A12/Cambridge Park as this is a natural boundary; does not split estates and streets such as St Mary's Avenue and Overton Drive and Blakehall Road; does not split the community south of the A12 which is linked by transport - Wanstead Underground Station and bus routes, schools -Wanstead High and Aldersbrook Primary, parks and open spaces - Wanstead Park, Wanstead Flats and George Green, community facilities - Wanstead House Community Association, Wanstead Leisure Centre, Wanstead, Bowls and Tennis Clubs in Overton Drive. The integrity of the area south of the A12 and Cambridge Park makes for good governance. The gate posts of the main entrance to Wanstead Park from the 1730's stand at the junction of Blakehall Road and Overton Drive. Under the boundary commission proposals one will be in Wanstead Park Ward and the other in Wanstead Village Ward. The proposals to split Overton Drive and St Mary's Avenue between two wards will mean that residents of these roads will have to deal with two sets of councillors over 3 sections of roads leading to confusion and not providing for the most effective representation. Residents living in "The Green" will be in Wanstead Park Ward but George Green which they overlook will be in Wanstead Village Ward.

**RECOMMENDATIONS** The boundary of the new Wanstead Park Ward should extend to the A12/Cambridge Park and otherwise be as proposed taking in all roads to the south. This would give a forecast electorate for the new Wanstead Park Ward of 7730 (3865 per Councillor with an 8% variance)

### Uploaded Documents:

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