

**WEST AREA COMMITTEE – 28 NOVEMBER 2007  
COMMUNITY FORUM**

Question From	Response	Officer
<p>H Bloomfield, Rawreth Parish Council</p> <p>Is there any possibility of altering the Parish Boundary for Rawreth so that it includes St Nicholas School?</p>	<p>Under the former Local Government and Rating Act 1997, this request would in the past have required the District Council to undertake a consultation and review process and then make recommendations to the Secretary of State at the Department of Communities and Local Government.</p> <p>However, the new Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 includes provision that this type of decision is devolved to the District Council. When the relevant section of the Act comes into force any Parish/Town Council will be able to petition the District Council for a review of their boundary. It is not yet known when this section of the Act will come into force. Details of the form and nature of the petition, the consultees, and stages of the review are also unknown at this time.</p> <p>It is therefore suggested to the Rawreth Parish Council that they wait for the new legislative details to emerge and then determine their course of action.</p>	<p>S Fowler Head of Information and Customer Services Rochford District Council 01702 318135</p>

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<p>D Smith, Rayleigh</p> <p>In the Rayleigh and Eastwood Times dated 13 November 2007, the Lib Dem Councillor for the Sweyne Park Ward indicated in her article that the Conservative Council are discussing the building of 500 homes on the playing fields around the Grange Community Centre.</p> <p>1. Are there plans for this to happen? 2. Are the Council planning on the closure of the Grange Community Centre?</p>	<p>There are no plans to close the Grange Community Centre. A considerable number of suggestions have been put forward for the locations of new housing in the district, but the Council has made no decisions on its preferred options. A new version of the Rochford Core Strategy development plan document is being prepared and will be subject to public consultation in May/June 2008.</p>	<p>S Scrutton Head of Planning and Transportation Rochford District Council 01702 318100</p>

**Please note:** written responses have been provided to questions received up to seven working days prior to the meeting.