

To All Councillors

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Dear Councillor

**Informative – Replacement Pages to Report to Extraordinary Council Dated 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014.**

Please find enclosed a replacement of appendix 1 of Item 3 which Members are kindly requested to use in place of the original appendix.

The replacement has been issued due to some corrections being made to the figures, which for ease of reference are shown underlined.

Yours sincerely

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## **Rochford District Council – Proposed New Wards and Supporting Information**

Based upon 39 Councillors, with a 2020 forecasted overall electorate of 70,792.

By using a uniform pattern of 3-Member wards across the District this equates to 13 proposed wards working towards an average electorate of 5,445 in each. However, as an exception to this, ward no.2 shows an alternative pattern if Members wish to pursue a split in this area.

### **Introduction**

This proposal seeks where possible to retain parish boundaries when creating the new wards, acknowledging that Parish boundaries reflect communities.

However due to the population make up of the District, it has been necessary to join parts of some parishes with adjoining rural areas, namely Rochford and the east of the District, the east of Hockley and Ashingdon, and part of Rayleigh with Rawreth.

There has been minor splits to Ashingdon (287 electors) and Barling (763 electors) parishes that have been necessary to help the plan fit together, however these have involved smaller numbers.

However, the following parishes have their parish boundaries unaffected by the creation of the new wards: Foulness, Great Wakering, Sutton, Stambridge, Canewdon, Hawkwell and Hullbridge.

A tabled summary is shown on the next page and details of which follow to support.

Proposed Ward (Name to be agreed by Council)	Forecast Electorate by 2020	Variance (%) from District Average of 1,815 per Cllr
1.	5,700	+ 4.68
2.	5,217	- 4.09
2 a). 1 Member	1,822	+ 4.7 (of total 5,217 area average(1,739))
2 b). 2 Member	3,395	- 2.3 (of total 5,217 area average (1,739))
3.	5,543	+ 1.80
4.	5,367	- <del>1.43</del> <u>4.92</u>
5.	5,120	- <del>5.97</del> <u>2.48</u>
6.	5,489	+ <del>8.0</del> <u>0.8</u>
7.	5,235	- 3.86
8.	5,627	+ 3.34
9.	5,483	+ 0.69
10.	5,319	- 2.31
11.	5,763	+ 5.52
12.	5,361	- 1.54
13.	5,568	+ 2.26

Note: numbering of wards is for the purpose of cross reference with area on map.

Proposed Ward (Name to be agreed by Council)	Forecast Electorate by 2020	Electoral Variance (%) from District Average	Supporting Information
1.	5,700	+ 4.68	<p>Foulness Island Parish (RCA): 136 Great Wakering Parish (RCB, RCC and RCD): 4,801 Part of Barling Magna Parish (RCF) (1,362 total): <u>763*</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foulness &amp; Great Wakering ward (RCA/RCB/RCC/RCD) is currently under average @ 4,937 (-9.33%) so <i>we need to increase the electorate.</i></li> <li>• Pulling in the Barling Magna Parish neighbour (RCF) is too much as this is 1,362 (so would equal a combined total of 6,299 (+15.68%).</li> <li>• A new suggested western boundary to ward 1 would split Barling &amp; Sutton (through Barling Magna Parish) to incorporate Potten Island and Little Wakering, with a natural divide following the creek coming down through Little Wakering Road, which adds an electorate of 763*.</li> <li>• Strong community ties between Little Wakering and Great Wakering in terms of location and amenities itself.</li> <li>• By keeping the top part of Little Wakering Road separate this keeps the Barling area together and encompasses Barling school and other landmarks for Barling.</li> <li>• Bluehouse and Stonebridge farms are considered to be more within the Barling area also (south-west corner) and Barling seems to blend well into Sutton in terms of putting this together in another ward.</li> </ul>

2.	5,217	-4.09	<p>Canewdon Parish (RCL): 1,190  Stambridge Parish (RCP): 787  Sutton Parish (RCG): 112  Paglesham Parish (RCN and RCO): 202  Part of Barling Magna Parish (RCF) (1,362 total): <u>599</u>  Rochford Eastwood Parish Ward(RCQ): 1,417  Part of Rochford Roche Parish ward (RCR) (2,508 total): <u>910</u> – including;  Millview Meadows 103, East Street 110, Townfield 8, Mornington 111,  Stambridge 280, Lingfield 99 Russell 28, Coombes 72 &amp; South Street 37.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is necessary for Rochford Parish to be split due to its large population compared with the adjoining rural areas.</li> </ul> <p><i>As this area geographically is very large in size, there could be potential merit in splitting this area into 2 separate wards so that 2a) is a 1 Member ward and 2b) is a 2 Member ward. Splitting the 5,217 for this ward into 3 = 1,739 per member.</i></p> <p><i>Following Members views of splitting along the River Roach to divide RCQ and part of RCR by continuing down to pass south of Sutton Road, we would have the following figures:-</i></p> <p><u><i>2a) Rochford South, Sutton and West Barling Total: 1,822 (+ 4.7%)</i></u></p> <p><i>Part of Barling Parish (RCF) (1,362 total): 599  Sutton Parish (RCG): 112  Rochford Eastwood Parish ward (RCQ) (1,417 total): <u>1,111</u> - <b>not</b> including;  Sutton Road 151, Rochford Hall Road 40, The Ridings 43, Tinkers Lane 2, &amp; Southend Road north of Sutton Road 70.</i></p>
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			<p><u>2b) Rochford East, Canewdon, Stambridge and Paglesham Total: 3,395 (-2.3%)</u></p> <p>Canewdon Parish: 1,190  Stambridge Parish: 787  Paglesham: 202  Rochford Roche (RCR) 910:  Rochford Eastwood (RCQ) (1,417 total): <u>306</u> – including;  Sutton Road 151, Rochford Hall Road 40, The Ridings 43, Tinkers Lane 2,  &amp; Southend Road north of Sutton Road 70</p>
3.	5,543	+ 1.80	<p>Rochford St Andrews Parish ward (RCT): 2,119  Rochford St Andrews Parish ward (RCS): 1,169  Rochford North Parish ward (RCX): 657</p> <p>Remainder of Rochford Roche Parish ward (RCR) (2,508 total): <u>1,598</u> – <b>not</b> including; Millview Meadows 103, East Street 110, Townfield 8, Mornington 111, Stambridge 280, Lingfield 99 Russell 28, Coombes 72 &amp; South Street 37.</p>
4.	<u>5,367</u> <u>5,177</u>	<u>-1.43</u> <u>-4.92</u>	<p>Part of Hawkwell North Parish ward (RCV) (2,373 total) : <u>1,377</u> <u>1,268</u> – <b>not</b> including; Rectory Avenue 315, Hogarth <u>Way</u> 63, Reynolds <u>Gardens</u> 42, Magnolia <u>Road</u> 38, Lincoln <u>Road</u> 12, Durham <u>Road</u> 16, Avon <u>Close</u> 47 Dorset <u>Gardens</u> 86, Devon <u>Gardens</u> 65, Rectory Road (to Harewood) 42, <u>Lascelles (to Harewood, split to east of no.42a) 50</u>, Princess <u>Gardens</u> (west of Harewood) 124, Central <u>Avenue</u> (west of Harewood) 32, &amp; LH side of Harewood 64, <u>Cornwell Gardens 60, Cambridge Gardens 42, Rutland Gardens 52 &amp; White Hart Lane 5.</u></p> <p>Hawkwell North Parish ward (RCU): 1,034</p>

			<p>Ashingdon Heights Parish ward (RCU2): 287</p> <p>Part of Hawkwell South Parish ward (RCW) (2,897 total): <del>2,669</del> <u>2,588</u> – <b>not</b> including; <del>Hainault 47</del>, Oaklands <u>Mews</u> 43, Wendon <u>Close</u> 7, Braxted <u>Close</u> 23, Westbury 96 &amp; <del>Eastbury (short stub to west of main section)</del> <u>12 Banyard Way 140</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RCU2 has been included to bring the numbers up and because of road connections i.e. being 'land locked'.</li> </ul>
5.	<del>5,120</del> <u>5,310</u>	<del>-5.97</del> <u>-2.48</u>	<p>Hawkwell West Parish ward (RCY): 3,896</p> <p>Part of Hawkwell North Parish ward (RCV) (2,373 total): <del>996</del> <u>1,105</u> – including; Rectory Avenue 315, Hogarth <u>Way</u> 63, Reynolds <u>Gardens</u> 42, Magnolia <u>Road</u> 38, Lincoln <u>Road</u> 12, Durham <u>Road</u> 16, Avon <u>Close</u> 47 Dorset <u>Gardens</u> 86, Devon <u>Gardens</u> 65, Rectory Road (to Harewood) 42, <del>Lascelles (to Harewood, split to east of no.42a)</del> <u>50</u>, Princess <u>Gardens</u> (west of Harewood) 124, Central <u>Avenue</u> (west of Harewood) 32, &amp; LH side of Harewood 64, <u>Cornwell Gardens 60, Cambridge Gardens 42, Rutland Gardens 52 &amp; White Hart Lane 5</u>.</p> <p>Part of Hawkwell South Parish ward RCW (2,897 total): <del>228</del> <u>309</u> – including; <del>Hainault 47</del>, Oaklands <u>Mews</u> 43, Wendon <u>Close</u> 7, Braxted <u>Close</u> 23, Westbury 96 &amp; <del>Eastbury (short stub to west of main section)</del> <u>12 Banyard Way 140</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Splitting Hawkwell on a East West basis returns the parish to its position previous to the last District ward boundaries review in 2001/2002.</li> </ul>

6.	5,489	+8.0 <u>+0.8</u>	<p>Ashingdon Parish (2,968 total) minus RCU2 287 in ward 4. = (RCH, RCK, RDA2 &amp; RDB2): <u>2,681</u>  Hockley North (RDB): 1,227  Part of Hockley Central (RDA) (2,270 total): <u>960</u> - East of Greensward Lane.    Part of Hockley Central (RDA) (2,270 total): <u>621</u> - West of Greensward Lane, including; Graham Close 30, Hamilton Gardens 140, Selbourne 29, Rosslyn Close 91, Rosslyn Road 67, Oak Walk 96, Cornhill Avenue 144, &amp; Western side of Greensward Lane to Hamilton Gardens 24.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whilst it may be considered that Hockley and Hawkwell fit together, it is felt that there are stronger community ties between the east of Hockley and Ashingdon, for example, the current RDA2 and RDB2 Polling Districts are in the current Hockley North District ward, but are in the Ashingdon Parish, and that Ashingdon School serves as a feeder school to Greensward Academy.</li> <li>• East of Greensward Lane of RDA and RDA2 makes up the Broadlands Estate, which is felt is one community and should be kept together within a ward.</li> </ul>
7.	5,235	- 3.86	<p>Hockley West (RDC): 1,787  Hockley Central (RCZ): 2,759    Remainder of Hockley Central (RDA) (2,270 total): <u>689</u> West of Greensward Lane, including; Plumberbow Avenue: 222, The Acrons 25, Wimhurst Close 14, Mount Avenue 41, Mount Crescent 81, Marylands 114, Merryfields 86, Clayspring 21 &amp; Western side of Greensward Lane (Hamilton Gardens to</p>



			<p>Station) 85.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hockley Parish is required to be split due to its large population, which is forecast with an electorate of 8,042 for 2020.</li> </ul>
8.	5,627	+ 3.34	<p>Hullbridge Parish (RDD, RDE &amp; RDF): 5,627</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parish Boundaries are retained for Hullbridge.</li> <li>This area is also the current Hullbridge district ward.</li> </ul>
9.	5,483	+ 0.69	<p>Rayleigh Downhall Parish ward (RDH): 3,049 Rawreth Parish (RDJ): 1,085</p> <p>Part of Rayleigh Sweyne Park (RDO) (1,752 total): <u>1,227</u> - <b>not</b> including; Stirling Close 73, Arundel Gardens 34, Victoria Avenue (up to Cheapside West) 72, Edinburgh Close 33, Cheapside West (east from victoria avenue) 68, Wimarc Crescent 38, Vernon Avenue 77, Pearsons Avenue 82 &amp; Sir Walter Raleigh Drive 48.</p> <p>Part of Rayleigh Grange (RDK2) (969 total): <u>122</u> - including; Preston Gardens 14, Hedgehope Avenue 26, Downhall Road (north of Down hall Close) 35 &amp; Downhall Close 47.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This links part of the Rayleigh town area and the Rawreth Parish.</li> <li>Downhall &amp; Rawreth ward (RDH &amp; RDJ) is under the district forecasted</li> </ul>

			<p>average for 2020 @ 4,134 (-24.08%) so we need to increase the electorate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using all of a single current ward neighbour would have been too much and taken the electorate further away from the district average.</li> </ul>
10.	5,319	- 2.31	<p>Rayleigh Swayne Park (RDN): 1,931</p> <p>Part of Rayleigh Swayne Park (RDO) (1,752 total): <u>525</u> – including; Stirling Close(73), Arundel Gardens(34), Victoria Avenue (up to Cheapside West)(72), Edinburgh Close(33), Cheapside West (east from victoria avenue)(68), Wimarc Crescent(38), Vernon Avenue(77), Pearsons Avenue(82) &amp; Sir Walter Raleigh Drive(48).</p> <p>Part of Rayleigh Grange (RDK2) (969 total): <u>847</u> - <b>not</b> including; Preston Gardens 14, Hedgehope Avenue 26, Downhall Road (north of Down hall Close) 35 &amp; Downhall Close 47.</p> <p>Rayleigh Grange (RDK): 2,016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These areas sit well together and this ward would retain existing ward boundaries to the east and south.</li> <li>The split of RDO forms the new northern boundary.</li> </ul>
11.	5,763	+ 5.52	<p>Rayleigh Wheatley (RDQ 1,859 &amp; RDR 1,555): 3,414</p> <p>Rayleigh Whitehouse (RDT): 1,964</p> <p>Part of Rayleigh Central (RDG) (3,448 total): <u>385</u> – including; Queens Road</p>

			<p>149, Kings Road 90, Kings Close 21, Parklands 36 &amp; Broad Oak Way 89.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This merges the Western half of the present Whitehouse ward with the Wheatley ward. Existing boundaries would remain to the south.</li> </ul>
12.	5,361	- 1.54	<p>Part of Rayleigh Central (RDG (3,448 total): <u>2,386</u> - <b>not</b> including; The Chase up to Warwick Road, Leslie Road to the Chase, Poplar Road, The Laurels, The Limes, Essex Close, Eastwood Road (north side) (from The Chase to The Laurels), Hawthorn Way, Worcester Drive, Cedar Close, Leslie Gardens, Queens Road 149, Kings Road 90, Kings Close 21, Parklands 36 &amp; Broad Oak Way 89.</p> <p>Rayleigh Trinity (RDP): 2,975</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some existing wards needed to be split in this Rayleigh area as left on their own they are not enough electorate but put entirely with a neighbour are too much (e.g Rayleigh Central (RDG) is 3,448, Trinity (RDP) = 2975 &amp; Whitehouse (RDT/RDS) = 3,474).</li> <li>This ward merges the central and Northern Sections of the current Rayleigh Central ward with the current Trinity Ward.</li> </ul>
13.	5,568	+ 2.26	<p>Remainder of Rayleigh Central (RDG) (3,448 total): <u>677</u> – including; The Chase up to Warwick Road, Leslie Road to the Chase, Poplar Road, The Laurels, The Limes, Essex Close, Hawthorn Way, Worcester Drive, Cedar Close, Leslie Gardens &amp; Eastwood Road (north side) (from The Chase to The Laurels).</p>

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			<p>Rayleigh Whitehouse (RDS): 1,510</p> <p>Rayleigh Lodge (RDL 1,809 &amp; RDM 1,572): 3,381</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Some existing wards needed to be split in this Rayleigh area as left on their own they are not enough electorate but put entirely with a neighbour are too much (e.g. Rayleigh Whitehouse (RDS/RDT) is 3,473 and Lodge RDM/RDL = 3,382) .</li><li>• This ward allows for Whitehouse to be split East and West, with the East section now joining with the whole of Lodge, and the south eastern section of the current Rayleigh Central Ward.</li></ul>
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