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Dear Boundary Commission,

We are writing as the current Labour Party Councillors representing Aveley and Uplands to express our concerns regarding the proposed boundary changes in our ward.

1. Southern Boundary Issues:

Our primary concern lies with the proposed southern boundary. While we agree that the current North Road boundary is unsuitable as it splits the road in two, your new proposal repeats this issue with Purfleet Road in Aveley. The suggested boundary cuts off the southern end of Purfleet Road, along with properties on the Aveley side of London Road (A1306), from the rest of the ward.

Although the A13 might seem like a logical boundary on a map, it does not serve as a natural dividing line. The A13 lies in a cutting, with Purfleet Road crossing it via a bridge, and the junction only occurs at the bottom where it meets London Road. This arrangement would unnecessarily divide the community. The affected homes are not, and have never been, considered part of Purfleet-on-Thames. The boundary marker for Purfleet is located on the far side of the A1306, with a green belt separating the two communities. The entrance to Aveley village is signposted at the bottom of Purfleet Road, making it clear that these homes are part of Aveley. Removing them from the ward would disrupt the community's cohesion.

This sentiment is strongly supported by every resident we have consulted on this matter.

2. Ward Naming:

We propose renaming the ward "Aveley and Kenningtons" to better reflect the distinct areas within the ward. This name would more accurately represent the communities it encompasses.

3. Retaining the Belhus Ward Name:

Regarding the neighbouring Belhus ward, we strongly advocate for retaining the name "Belhus." This name is deeply rooted in the area's history, with Belhus Manor House and Belhus Park serving as significant historical landmarks. Preserving this name is important to many residents who value the historical identity of their community.

We urge the Boundary Commission to reconsider the proposed changes in light of these concerns. Our suggestions aim to preserve the integrity and history of our communities while ensuring that residents are represented accurately.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Cllr. Srikanth Panjala
Cllr. Catherine Sisterson
Labour Councillors for Aveley and Uplands

