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Related subject: West Marsh

In the 1900s Grimsby was a thriving fishing port, so the West Marsh was built. Almost all terraced housing, which is now very deprived, and often in poor repair. Built for the dockworkers when Grimsby was expanding and serving ancillary trades including shipbuilding, processing fish and cold storage.

Generations have continued to live in West Marsh. My own mother was born in Ravenspurn Street in 1908 and I have lived in the ward for the last 55 years. The ward's current boundary is the Humber coast and the railway line into Grimsby, and the River Freshney which flows in to the River Head. Associated British Ports, covering the old fishing area, and commercial docks, among it's many imports are cars, stored in the West Marsh near the A180, before onward transportation. There is a shopping centre around the Alexandra Dock.

At the heart of our town is Grimsby Minster and Grimsby's main shopping centre, and our magnificent Town Hall which all lie within the West Marsh ward. As do St Hugh' s Church, it's Community Centre and Church Hall and Haven Methodist Church, which all provide many services to our community.

There is also a lovely park along the River Freshney, the Duke of York Gardens, known locally as the "Boulevard" which had been it's name before being 'opened ' by the then Duke of York. Within the park a Group of volunteers run "Grimsby in Bloom" attaining multi awards successes.

There are currently 3 primary schools, South Parade, Littlecoates and Macaulay Primary. Macaulay Primary hosts a Children's Centre, previously

Sure Start. All 3 schools provide Nursery Education.

West Marsh Centre in Armstrong Street provides much needed services and leisure facilities, and a food bank to our very deprived area, within the 25% most deprived wards.

At the A180 junction is an industrial and commercial hub, Europarc, and from this junction Boulevard Avenue, built in the 1930s runs along a historic rail line to the Market Hotel, now a Tesco Extra. Also in Cromwell Road are a few shops and a Lidl Supermarket well used by many West Marsh residents including myself.

I consider West Marsh to be a very diverse commercial, industrial and community based ward, ably served by 2 Labour Councillors who are very involved in the above stated groups, and donate all of their ward funding to the group's listed, and local activities.

If, as I understand, we need to increase our electorate and have 3 councillors per ward. I would like to propose the following:

The Local Education boundary for Macaulay Primary, pre academisation, was from the West side of Lord Street through to about Number 50 Yarborough Road, across to Norman Road and following a line through to Littlefield Lane. I know that the families from these streets continue to feed Macaulay Primary, and Children's Centre.

Coincidentally the Chair of Grimsby in Bloom lives in Little John Street, she also Chairs the West Marsh Forward based at WM Community Centre There is a subway under the railway at Haycroft Avenue, much used by shoppers, and church goes to St Hugh's.

I think this demonstrates a viable option. I would suggest the ward be renamed Boulevard Ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached