

# Wirral

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**Related subject:** Greasby, Frankby & Irby

In summary, I would like Irby removed from the ward so that the whole of Irby can be represented in a single ward, with at least Thingwall. The much larger and more densely populated Greasby would be the heart of a new 2-councillor ward (suggested name Greasby, Frankby & Arrowbrook (GF&A)). GF&A would keep the majority of the existing boundaries of Greasby, Frankby & Irby, including Hillbark Road and Arrowbrook Lane, which would now form a continuous boundary to cut off Mill Hill Road at the junction between Mill Lane, Hillbark Road, Mill Hill Road and Arrowbrook Lane.

All homes that can only be accessed via Hillbark Road or Arrowbrook Lane would remain in the ward - behind those homes are fields so it makes no sense to do otherwise.

As can be seen from maps, Greasby is geographically adjacent to Upton and hence Birkenhead, whereas Irby is attached to Pensby, Thingwall, Barnston, and Heswall. There is a swathe of greenbelt (one of the purposes of which is to separate urban areas) between Greasby & Irby and they have very few amenities in common - even the bus between them stops at 5pm. There is no such separation between Irby & Thingwall or between Greasby & Upton. There are no non-faith primary schools that have a catchment area across the 2 villages. Greasby is an entity of itself. The local community news magazine, Greasby Messenger covers Greasby & Frankby in recognition of the natural community alignment. Whereas Irby is part of the Irby, Thingwall & Pensby amenity society, demonstrating again where natural community alignment lies.

Finally, regarding Frankby, the number of residents is small, and so there doesn't seem much point in moving the boundary to accommodate a few tens of residents. Most of the residents have postal votes because voting in person will always be inconvenient due to the location's rural nature. The Larton end of Frankby (covering Baytree Road and Frankby Stiles) and Montgomery Hill (including Birch Heys) are anomalies, but they would be so in the ward that is currently West Kirby & Thurstaston, so I have given preference to the status quo.

These suggestions give a variance of a little under +8%

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*