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I believe that Rusthall should remain a self-contained ward distinct from other communities because it is a historic working-class village with its own distinct community and identity, rather than a suburb or satellite of anywhere else. It has a thriving High Street, library, village school, post office, bus service, magazine, Parish Council, four churches, two pre-schools, playgrounds and a football club - in lockdown or times of snow, people often comment how Rusthall is great because everything you need is right there, there is no need to go anywhere else. I am the deputy editor of the village magazine, Rusthall Life, and this has given me insight into the community's strong sense of its own identity and the value local people place on being represented in their own right by local residents. If the boundaries of Rusthall do need to be extended for the purposes of local representation, then it would make the most sense to include roads towards Langton Green but closer to Rusthall such as Longmeads, The Boundary, Fremlin Close and Asher Reeds, because people who live there are more likely to gravitate towards the shops and local services of Rusthall (such as buses, library, doctors surgery) than they are the shops of Langton Green or the doctors surgery or post office in Speldhurst.

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None Uploaded