Cllr Peter Golds – received Tue 15/12/2020 10:27

I have also spoken to residents. The view is that the status quo should remain, and this has certainly hardened since the incident at Millwall. This has been entirely driven by Canary Wharf Group. There has not been any local upsurge of opinion on the whole matter.

Canary Wharf, like the council, the government and the nation have many overriding issues to consider. The expense of renaming a local government ward is not one of any relevance and should be put aside until a future wholesale review of boundaries. It should be noted that this arose last time and the name Canary Wharf as a ward was by far the most popular option in the consultation undertaken by the LGBCE.

Cllr Andrew Wood – received Mon 14/12/2020 10:12

Following the launch of the consultation on ward names I ran a poll across three social media sites, started 4th December with 958 responses as at Saturday morning on the proposal to change the Canary Wharf ward name. The results so far are:

- 62% Waste of time & money in the text I made clear this meant no change
- 25% Canary Wharf (no change) (22%+3% responses below)
- 7% Millwall & Canary Wharf my proposed compromise solution, like Blackwall & Cubitt Town, St Katharine's & Wapping wards
- 6% Millwall
- 0.4% Other options

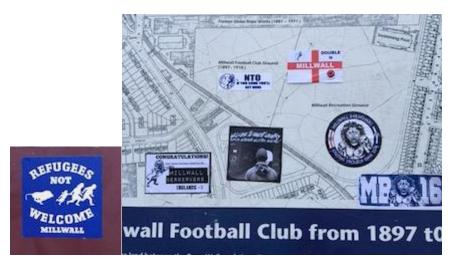
I was surprised that Millwall got such a low response as well as my compromise solution, but we had the controversy last weekend over Millwall fans booing Millwall FC players taking the knee which may have affected some people. This happened after I started the poll.

Two weeks ago, I reported to the Police some stickers left around Millwall Park on the Isle of Dogs, all left by Millwall Berserkers/NTO, a well-known football hooligan group. The Police called me back last Thursday to confirm they are treating it as a hate crime. I have not put these stickers in the public domain yet as to have done so while undertaking the poll would have been to skew the results even though it is very unfair to link the ward with a football club that left the area over a hundred years ago. But the Police did ask me to keep an eye out for them. But it may also explain why the Millwall name is not that popular with some members of the community.

If the referendum next May picks the Leader & Cabinet model, we may have to reverse the 2014 reduction in Cllrs from 50 to 45 through another Boundary review. When we do that would be an appropriate time to look at this issue again + population/voter growth underway in some parts of TH.

But I think the comments and poll are clear, this is not the time to change the ward name and the Millwall name has some issues.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Residents have asked whether you will consider these poll responses or not, I did advertise the formal consultation link as well so am curious to see what those look like given that the consultation will last until February 2021.



Below are links to the three polls, you may find the comments interesting.

Facebook on the Canary Wharf & Isle of Dogs residents' group (which is mainly composed of E14 residents)

It also had 63 comments and was seen by over 5,000 people of whom 746 responded

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1458438024296291/permalink/2898125163660896/

Twitter on my profile (mainly followed by people in TH)

462 people read the tweet of whom 189 responded

https://twitter.com/Andrewwood17/status/1334822790734753792?s=20

Nextdoor (3 local areas only)

23 responses so far, advertised only in the areas in the ward plus Millwall South

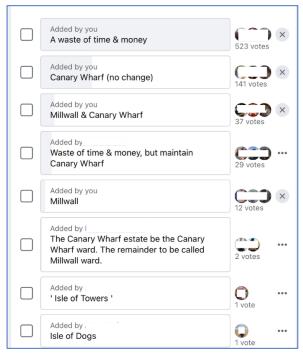
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