

The Spreydon Neighbourhood Network was formed on 28 October 2014, to support the residents of Spreydon. We meet at Whareora House of Life community centre in Athelstan Street, Spreydon. Our area runs from Lincoln Road in the North to Milton/Frankleigh in the South, and from Domain Tce in the West to Strickland Street in the east. As a residents' association we believe strongly that this defines our community of interest of Spreydon. We object to the Electorate Boundary Review proposal to move the boundary between Christchurch Central and Wigram on the grounds that this does not take due regard of either

- Existing electorate boundaries
- Communities of interest

Drawing a boundary down Barrington Street and along Neville St to Lyttelton St is effectively cutting our community in half. Barrington Street with the Park and the Mall and facilities in Athelstan Street are our centre not an edge. It is also the transport hub for our community. Our issues around transport needs and dealing with housing intensification are common across the area we represent. Our common interests and issues are also more aligned with our neighbouring suburbs of Hoon Hay and Hillmorton than they are with suburbs such as Phillipston, Linwood, Mairehau and the central city in the Christchurch Central electorate.

Local Body Boundary

The local body Spreydon ward would effectively be split in two with the proposed boundary. This is not to the benefit of our community and does not enhance our ability to advocate as a community of interest. Since our inception a decade ago, we have worked constructively with our single MP and the local councillor and community board elected members to advance issues and concerns for the Spreydon community. The issues and concerns are common across the proposed boundary. Leaving the boundary where it currently is allows for greater alignment of the boundaries.

Local School Zones

West Spreydon School has a small enrolment zone, and the proposed boundary runs down the centre of this zone.

Hillmorton High Zone in the spreydon suburb extends south from Brougham St and along Selwyn St to Coronation St and then southwards down Coronation St. Leaving the boundary along Strickland Street or even running it down Selwyn St to Milton Street would allow for greater alignment and would much better reflect Spreydon's community of interest.

Sports

Evidence of our joined by community of interest can be seen in local sports clubs such as Suburbs Rugby and Netball Clubs. This club has a long history in our part of Christchurch and reflects both the joined-up nature of Spreydon and our relationship with our neighbouring suburbs to the west of us in Hoon Hay and Spreydon.

Community and Church Groups

South West Baptist Church and its associated social service organisations are a major part of the social fabric of Spreydon. The proposed boundary unnecessarily severs the church from a substantial part of the community it works in.

Our Solution

The current eastern boundaries of the Wigram electorate be retained to take due regard to our community of interest and the current boundaries. Other areas in the proposed Wigram electorate can be identified to adjust for the population requirements.