

From: Larkham C (Chair) - Raynes park Association

I am writing as Chair of the Raynes Park Association, an organisation representing residents, businesses and other organisations in Raynes Park.

We wish to object to the proposed 'New Centre Boundary' as set out in the maps in the appendix to the proposed LDF.

For many years our association has worked to establish an identity for Raynes Park. We have worked alongside the Council in establishing and implementing the Raynes Park Enhancement Plan. The focus of our attentions has been across the 'Old Centre Boundary – UDP 2003'. Because of financial constraints, all the improvements to date have taken place on the north of the railway. Our focus is now turning to improving and enhancing the area to the south of the railway, and, in particular, the area to the south of the Skew Arch. However, your proposed new boundary places the south of the railway outside the town centre, and therefore likely to fall outside the attention of the Council for special attention.

As an association, we have worked tirelessly to establish an integrated town centre in Raynes Park, despite the divide created by the railway. The proposed changes to the town centre would effectively reverse the work we have done.

In order to plan for continued growth in Raynes Park, the UDP 2003 boundary for the centre of Raynes Park needs to be retained. We reject any proposal to eliminate the area to the south of the railway.