

### Constituency profile – Ilford North

Ilford North is entirely within the London Borough of Redbridge. It comprises 8 wards – Aldborough, Barkingside, Bridge, part of Churchfields, Clayhall, Fairlop, Fulwell, Hainault, and part of South Woodford.

Its current MP is Wes Streeting (Labour) who took the seat from the Conservatives in 2015.

The constituency is almost all suburban low-rise housing, much of it built between the wars. Economically it is heavily dependent on commuting to central London; the eastern end of the Central Line runs through it (from South Woodford to Woodford and the Hainault loop).

The population is ethnically diverse including significant numbers of all major ethnic groups.

The parts of Churchfield and South Woodford wards in Ilford North were until 2018 Roding ward which was held by the Lib Dems until then. There is still a fairly good level of Lib Dem support there. The other wards, whilst usually producing respectable results for paper candidates have never been seriously fought or represented by Lib Dems.

The proposed boundary changes would move Churchfields entirely and Bridge into Chingford & Woodford Green, and South Woodford into Leyton & Wanstead whilst Cranbrook and Valentines wards will be added from Ilford South.

### Constituency Profile – Ilford South

Ilford South is within the London Borough of Redbridge. It comprises the wards of Mayfield, Goodmayes, Seven Kings, Newbury, Ilford Town, Clementswood, Cranbrook, Chadwell, Wanstead park (part), Valentines and Loxford.

Its current MP is Sam Tarry (Labour) who was elected in 2019. Tarry has been deselected in favour of Cllr Jas Athwal, Leader of Redbridge Council. Tarry is a 'Corbynite' and was selected over Athwal in 2019 as a result of 'dirty tricks' within Labour.

Some of the constituency is suburban inter-war-built commuter land, but much of it has characteristics more in common with the inner city – poor quality housing, crime and economic deprivation especially around the main centre Ilford. This may change with the arrival of the Elizabeth Line along the Ilford/Seven Kings railway line. There is a high level of ethnic diversity with the majority of South Asian origin.

Apart from Chadwell ward which was held by the Lib Dems for about 15 years until 2010 there has been little Lib Dem activity or support in the constituency for a long time. However recent by-elections in Seven Kings and Loxford produced respectable results without full campaigns.

The proposed boundary changes will see Chadwell Heath ward (LB Havering) added to Ilford South and Cranbrook and Valentines wards moved to Ilford North.