Local Residents H - I submissions to the Birmingham City Council electoral review

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From: Tina Hackett [mailto:
Sent: 11 June 2016 11:44
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: election boundaries

I live in Harborne and wish to register my desire that this address remains within the Harborne Ward.

I was born in Harborne and have lived all my life here (apart from 2yrs over the border in Edgbaston though still socialised and went to college in Harborne). I know the area very well and have never considered that I live anywhere else but Harborne, my postal address / post code is Harborne, my concerns and interests lie in Harborne and while Quinton is very close – I have friends who live there and do use some facilities – it is NOT where I live.

To suddenly find that for a whim of political scheming I have been moved to Quinton for electoral purposes is frustrating beyond belief – any communication from the Council or MP’s relates to Quinton with concerns for that area – places I’m not familiar with and not Harborne – where I do live!

Please leave us in Harborne – where we belong.

Tina Hackett
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Syed Haider
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 
Comment text: Keep Ninfield Road in Acocks Green

Uploaded Documents: None Uploaded
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Christopher Hall
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I have previously provided written submissions to the Commission regarding Moseley Ward as a resident there, and am pleased to see that the concerns of the residents appear to have been heard. I consider that the proposal as redrafted now (insofar as it concerns Moseley) is acceptable. I obviously cannot speak for any other areas. Thank you for listening to us.

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Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Deryck Hall
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Organisation Name: [redacted]

Comment text:

While I appreciate that it is difficult to please everyone, the naming conventions adopted would seem to please no-one. This is the problem with multi-member wards in that you merge areas that have little in common, socially, culturally or economically, with one another. Where I live, in an area called Shenley Manor, it has recently been part of the Weoley Ward. It has nothing in common with the larger area of Weoley Castle. It has something in common with the area known as Shenley Green - ie the land comes under the auspices of Bournville Village Trust - but this area was allocated to the Selly Oak ward, and under these plans continues to be so. The upshot is that local councillors, of all political persuasions, ignore the needs of this area as their focus is on the larger and more economically deprived adjacent area. Have a look at their literature to see what they have done for their ward, and the vast majority of their time, effort and funding resource is spent elsewhere. It would be nice to be part of a ward where we had something in common with our neighbouring area but, given the geo-social mix of Birmingham that would lead to enclaves being created. While we might have to accept the Boundary Commission proposals on the size and shape of wards, there is a case for changing the names to reflect the wider area not just a subset of it. For example, the proposed ward of Allens Cross could be renamed Merritts Brook in recognition that this watercourse, a tributary of the River Rea, flows through the new ward. Geographical features are not uncommon when naming wards, constituencies or local authorities. I hope you give this idea full consideration.

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Personal Details:

Name: Anita Halliday
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Organisation Name:

Comment text:

Dear Sir or Madam, I am writing to ask you to reconsider your proposal to drive a boundary across the middle of Balsall Heath. This is quite contrary to historical and contemporary definition of the community as a social and political entity. Historically the parish included the areas on both sides of the Moseley Road - the former building of St Pauls Church was in St. Paul's Rd - the new one is on the other side of the parish in Edward Rd. Not surprisingly residents still recognise Balsall Heath in terms of the historical parish, and have built their Forum and their Neighbourhood Plan on that basis - voting the latter into formal being last year with more voters than many local elections. Please do not over-ride local understanding, preference and practice. Balsall Heath is a 'deprived' area, but we are resilient and determined people and have worked hard to improve and develop our local area. If you break us in two you will undermine those efforts and suggest it is unimportant to try to create a better life for people who face many problems. This is unintended I am sure, but will be the outcome of ignoring our community unity and years of co-operative work among ethnic, faith and cultural groups who have resisted the temptation to differ and achieved an agreed Plan and local representation for the whole of Balsall Heath. Yours truly, Dr. Anita Halliday MBE JP

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From: Richard Hammersley
Sent: 11 May 2016 12:59
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: Birmingham Review

This my comment on this last stage of the Birmingham review. It refers to the changes proposed for the existing Erdington ward.

I understood that the prime objective for the Review was the establishment of single member wards for the city. However this latest proposal makes the new Erdington ward into a two-member unit.

As an Erdington resident of some 25 years standing, I can assure you that there is very little in common between the eastern and western halves of this proposed ward. There is a very natural dividing line running along either the main A5127 road or the railway. The eastern half has long been regarded as the ‘heartland’ of Erdington. I have no doubt that the residents of the western half regard themselves as living in Erdington district/constituency, but most are a greater distance from the High Street and have more in common with areas further west. Such a division of the proposed ward will reinstate the objective of single member units.

I hope this is helpful.

Richard Hammersley
Don’t break our community
- KEEP BANDYWOOD IN OSCOTT

Dear Local Government Boundary Commission for England,

The Bandywood area of the Oscott community has been part of Oscott Ward for the entire time that Oscott has existed as a ward on Birmingham City Council. We wish to object to the proposal to move our community into Kingstanding Ward.

Therefore we call on the Commission to swap the Bandywood area back into Oscott Ward where it has always been, (Council polling districts CVA and CVB) and move the Kingstanding area (Council polling districts CVG and CVH) around Hawthorn Road shopping centre and Kingstanding Road back into Kingstanding Ward where it has community connections. This area around Hawthorn Road to the Kingstanding Royal Mail Depot and Golden Hind has always been part of the Kingstanding Community and shares the same Postcode. It therefore makes more sense for local communities to be reunited in the areas they have historically been part of rather than kept in opposite wards as proposed by the commission.

Additional comments:-

Yours Sincerely

Name  Tracey Hadley

Address

Postcode

Signature

Please send this letter back to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England at:-

Review Officer (Birmingham), LGBCE, 14th floor, Millbank Tower, London, SW1P 4QP

Or email:- reviews@lgbce.org.uk
We ask the commission to adopt these boundaries for Ossett and Kingston Ward:
Dear Sir Madam

The proposed Erdington boarder change

Erdington ward has strong community connections, links, and history which we do not want to lose. We do not want to be put into the Pype Hayes Ward.

I have been an Erdington resident for 61 years and do not want to lose the Erdington identity. as well as it's historical surroundings.

1 Josiah Mansion Statue on the island Known to all as the Erdington / Sutton Coldfield boarder.

2 Coat of Arms positioned the old tram terminus Sutton Road

3 Erdington parish has always been to the end of Harman and Berwood Farm Rd

The square around the Yenton Harman Road Berwood Rd Orphanage Rd and Chester Road Is Erdington hub before entering Sutton Coldfield we want to stay that way. Residents in this location have neighborhood watch and come together if there is any concerns or issued to be raised.

Orphanage Road and the roads above mentioned have more in common with Wylde Green then Pype Hayes

Birches Green and Pype Hayes have a connected history and shopping centre.
It should be re considered that we in Orphanage Road and surrounding area stay in Erdington ward.
Yours sincerely

Colin A Hanson
Dear Sir /Madam

It is my understanding Erdington will be represented by a two member ward. I am forwarding my views as to why I want to stay in the Erdington ward and not be moved to Pype Hayes.

I have been an Erdington resident for 40 years and do not want to lose the Erdington identity. as well as it's historical surroundings.

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Orphanage Road and the roads above mentioned have more in common with Wylde Green then Pype Hayes.

Birches Green have more in common with Pype Hayes.

We pay our council tax for Erdington and want to vote in Erdington ward.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Hanson
Dear Sir/Madam

As someone who has lived in Hall Green for a long time I have a few comments on the boundary changes for Hall Green. I personally prefer the idea of being represented by one councillor rather than three, one MP per constituency is enough and the same principle can easily apply to a council ward. I therefore find the prospect of coming under the Hall Green South ward very appealing. But I think the principle should apply to the whole of Hall Green. If that means that the Hall Green North ward needs to be divided into two single member wards to achieve equality then that is what should happen.

Kind Regards

Hazel Harper
To whom it may concern

I have lived in Harborne on Lordswood Road for nearly 20 years. Our children have been educated at Harborne Primary school, we shop in Harborne and are lucky enough to have many friends in Harborne. We moved to Harborne partly because of its wonderful reputation as a place to live, and wish to remain in Harborne. I was extremely alarmed therefore to hear you are thinking of changing the boundaries so that we could land up in the Quinton Ward. Why meddle with the boundaries? We are Harbonites and wish to remain so and I urge you to keep the boundaries as they are so we stay in Harborne.

Yours faithfully
Dee Harris/ Lyons

Sent from my i phone
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Bob Harvey

E-mail: [redacted]

Postcode: [redacted]


Comment text:

In general the latest proposals from yourselves seem to address the main concerns that were raised in Hall Green over the previous (December 2015) plans, and I think most Hall Green residents will be pleased that all of the current Hall Green Ward will be contained within either the Hall Green North or the Hall Green South new wards. I think the plans could be improved further by including that section of the existing Acocks Green Ward that is within the B28 postcode area within the Hall Green North proposed ward, and removing a similar number of properties that fall within the B11 postcode from Hall Green North and putting them into the Tyseley & Hay Mills proposed Ward, and then making adjustments to the Acocks Green and Tyseley & Hay Mills proposed wards to bring the number of electors to within the required parameters.

Uploaded Documents:

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Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Shahin Hassan
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I wish to say that post code [redacted] Brook Lane still needs to be under Moseley. This seriously impacts way of life, status, popularity with Moseley and house prices. It is unfair and should be still with the Moseley boundary. Resident [redacted]

Uploaded Documents:

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To Whom it may concern

We welcome the proposed two Councillor Moseley Ward, and thank the LGBCE for hearing our concerns. We draw your attention to the places round the edges where we would still like to see changes. The new Ward does not include one side of Green Road which has the two cul-de-sacs of Burke Avenue and Keel Drive off it and we are asking that it should. We also hope to see changes to the proposed boundary between Moseley and Sparkbrook/Balsall Heath Wards as at present Balsall Heath Park and several roads around it are shown as being in Moseley Ward.

Yours sincerely,

Theresa Hatton, Moseley resident, Oxford Road Sent from my iPad
To Whom It May Concern

Local Government Boundary
Commission for England
14th Floor
Millbank Tower
Millbank
LONDON
SW1P 4QP

Dear Sir/Madam

This is to confirm that I, Mr T C Hayes, of [redacted], wish my property to be represented in the Harborne Ward and definitely not Quinton.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

T C Hayes
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Kate and Michael Haynes
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Organisation Name:

Comment text:

Following the feedback from the earlier consultation regarding the new boundaries for Birmingham, thank you for the update. We are pleased to learn that the residents of Birmingham have been listened to and that comments have been taken onboard and acted upon. We are very happy with the new boundary for Vesey Ward and that the historical connection remains in using the name Vesey.

Uploaded Documents:

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Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Ian Hazzard
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name: [REDACTED]

Comment text:

I formally object to my road Ninfield Road (currently acocks green) becoming part of Tyseley and Hay Mills. This will impact on my car insurance and more importantly my house price. Please reconsider these proposals.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
Good Morning

It has come to our attention that a proposal is in place to put our property/estate permanently into the Quinton Ward. We wish to register that we are totally opposed to this proposal.

We live in

Regards

Pauline Heath
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Lesley Hedges
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I have examined the proposals for my property (Kenward Croft) to be changed to Quinton Ward. I raise strong objections to this proposal for the several reasons including the fact that it will devalue my property. Lesley Hedges

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
Another Birmingham sub.

Thanks,

Laura

-----Original Message-----
From: Michael Hell
Sent: 29 May 2016 20:08
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: Moseley Ward

Your revised proposal for Moseley Ward is indeed a great improvement. I understand that Moseley Forum has sent you four minor modifications. The first, about Sarehole Mill being in Moseley, is certainly my understanding: the connection is with Tolkien. I cannot but see it as peculiar that people should be in different wards on different sides of a road. Balsall HeathPark should surely be in Balsall Heath. I am not familiar with the Green Road area, but it would seem sensible that cul-de-sacs off it should go with it into the same Ward.

It is pleasing that you have listened to our submissions and kept Moseley in one piece. Having lived here for 55 years, I do feel that Moseley retains a special village character.

Michael Hell,
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Elizabeth Hensel
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

I wish to comment on the revised plans for Moseley ward. I fully support the Moseley group's submission dated 19th June 2-16. Dr Elizabeth Hensel

Uploaded Documents:

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The revised proposals seem to have met most of the comments from residents of the current Vesey Ward: a 2 member ward, division of responsibility for Sutton Park, so that residents living adjacent to the park had an interest in its development because the park is in the same ward as the residents.

However I have one further suggestion to make: at the south-eastern corner of Sutton Park, on the corner of Monmouth Drive and Somerville Road the sports pitch has been put into Trinity Ward, rather than into Vesey Ward. In development terms it is the houses and flats in Monmouth Drive that would be affected, if a change of use was proposed. Their views would be affected because they are above the playing field site. The houses in Somerville Road and Digby Road do not have a view of the playing field site; and their residents would not be so affected by any proposed development.

Because of the size of Sutton Park, Somerville Road and Monmouth Drive are an important route, and act almost as a by-pass for Sutton Coldfield. Traffic issues on Monmouth Drive, including parking for the sports pitch, have already led to controversy which was sorted by Vesey Councillors. Local history is on the side of my suggestion.

John Heywood
From: Mayers, Mishka On Behalf Of reviews
Sent: 06 June 2016 16:29
To: Hinds, Alex <alex.hinds@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: FW: Harborne Boundaries

From: Jill Higgins
Sent: 05 June 2016 19:49
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: Harborne Boundaries

Local Government Election Boundary Commission

Dear Commission

I have just received a notice regarding the threat of my home and many more being transferred from Harborne to Quinton by the changing, for some reason, of the boundaries.

I object very strongly to this move as there is no justification for it and to do so would be tantamount to robbery so far as the value of property goes.

When I bought my house almost 4 years ago it was because it was in Harborne and I would like to remain in Harborne. I live on Oak Close, I always vote as do my neighbours and it would be extremely unwise in my opinion to move the boundary simply to gain more votes in Quinton. I suggest instead that you spend your time and money on encouraging the people of Quinton to vote - there are plenty of people living there already.

LEAVE OUR BOUNDARIES ALONE.

Jillian Higgins
As someone who lives, works and went to nursery, primary and secondary school in Hall Green I would just like to make a few comments that would perfect the boundaries for the area. The boundaries for Hall Green are good but not perfect. To perfect the boundaries for the Hall Green area it would make much more sense if all of Hall Green were single member wards. It would eliminate the unusual disparity of part of Hall Green being represented by one councillor and the other by two. A simple solution can be seen on the map with annotation 1 showing where the line can be drawn to turn Hall Green North into single member wards. The area above that line would become a single member Hall Green North ward and the area below that line becoming a single member Hall Green Central ward. Hall Green is unusual in that there isn't a single defined community centre, but in what is the Hall Green North ward under the current boundaries there are two. There is the Hall Green Parade marked in annotation 3. There is also a second community hub stretching down the Stratford Road from the library to the Aldi marked in annotation 4. Therefore splitting Hall Green North into two single member wards would mean the two different hubs of the community would get their own wards. It is also worth noting that there is also a large difference in housing within the current Hall Green North ward. The area south of Cole Bank Rd/School Rd is mainly semi detached housing and the area north of Cole Bank Rd/School Rd there is a large amount of terraced housing and is quite different. Having Hall Green North as two single member wards mean the priorities of these two different areas can be heard more clearly than they would when mixed together in a large two member ward.
To whom it may concern

I am mostly impressed with your changes to the boundaries in Hall Green particularly in regards to getting rid of the Tyseley name. However, as I stated in my letter at the last consultation, I feel smaller, single member wards are better than larger 2 member wards. Therefore as a small change I would suggest dividing the Hall Green North ward into 2 single member wards. I feel the areas above the Cole Bank Road would make a good single member Hall Green North ward with the rest of the current proposed 2 member ward becoming a Hall Green Central ward.

Yours Faithfully,

[Signature]

Graham Higgs

[Stamp: RECEIVED 13 JUN 2016]
Dear Sir/Madam

As a resident of the current proposed Hall Green North ward I feel that it would be better if this ward is divided into 2 single member wards. My reasoning for this is that within this ward there are 2 main centres within the Hall Green North ward. The area north of the Cole Bank Road has the Hall Green Parade as an identifiable centre. The rest of the Hall Green North ward south of the Cole Bank Road has an identifiable centre that stretches from Hall Green library down the Stratford Road to just before the Robin Hood Island. As the boundary changes should reflect and surround community centres, dividing the Hall Green North ward into 2 single member wards is a simple and logical step to perfect the boundary changes for Hall Green.

Kind Regards,

Hazel Higgins
From: happy hill

Sent: 20 June 2016 09:06
To: reviews <reviews@lgbc.org.uk>
Subject: Swanshurst Lane Boundary Change

To whom it may concern

I would like to file my absolute discontent with the proposed change to the boundary on Swanshurst Lane. I find it preposterous that you think you can just announce this change and expect us residents to think it is acceptable!

I have lived on the Land for 20 years, and it is and does belong in Mosely. Historically it always has. By changing the odd numbered side to Billesley you will affect our House prices, our school catchment area validity, and in a personal level my business catchment.

If my address changes to Billesley, in my advertising, patients will avoid my practice as in their minds my address will mentally appear farther away than Moseley. It may sound ridiculous, but the psychology behind this is very well observed.

I bought a house in MOSELEY, I paid a MOSELEY price, my home is my legacy for my children, this change is bound to affect the house resale value...it should not be allowed that you come along and decide that I will no longer live in MOSELEY!!

This change cannot be allowed it is simply unfair and not well thought out!

I urge you to reconsider!

Sincerely

B H Hill

Sent from my Samsung device
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Lawrence Hill
E-mail: [Redacted]
Postcode: [Redacted]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

When I purchased my house in 1986 I did so because I wanted to live in Yardley. The area is a nice place to live, it is of historic note and has always been Yardley for hundreds of years. I do not want to be forced to live in any other borough simply through changing the name. The above map states the name Yardley eleven times and Stechford only twice that in itself should provide a clue to city planners. Leave Yardley alone, it is where I live.

Uploaded Documents:

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With reference to Boundary Campaign. Having been born and bred in Acocks Green, we wish to voice our opinion for North Acocks Green to remain in the Acocks Green Ward.

Mary and John Hill
Dear Sirs,

I am sending this email at the request and on behalf of Mr Oliver Joseph HITCHMAN of [REDACTED].

I am writing to express my opinion as a protest: Mr Oliver Joseph HITCHMAN object strongly to the Boundary Change of Harborne Ward [REDACTED] to becoming part of the Quinton Ward.

Yours sincerely

Oliver Joseph HITCHMAN
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Chris Hoare
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name: birmingham south west group

Comment text:

i fail to see why edgbaston should be split. we are a very close community on the waterworks estate. it has taken over twenty years of hard work to have the quality of life we enjoy to day. we the residents have had to fight with our local police, councillors and the press to clear our streets of pimps, drug pushers, street girls, our local shops having to pay protection money. just to stay in business. ans all other forms of anti social wrong doing. SEE BIRMINGHAM SOUTH WEST GROUP. OR chris hoare birmingham south west group. can we not enjoy living in our edgbaston. not north south east or west. just edgbaston. we have earned the right. kindest regards. Chris Hoare. Chair.

Birmingham South West Group

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From: Heather [mailto: ]
Sent: 20 June 2016 08:24
To: reviews <reviews@lbce.org.uk>
Subject: No boundary changes in Erdington

I want the road where i live to stay in the Erdington ward.

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Sir/Madam

As a resident of Hall Green for many years I have a few comments in regards to the boundary proposals for Hall Green. I come under the Hall Green South ward, I very much like the idea of being represented by one councillor in the same way I am represented by one MP. However it would make much more sense for the whole of Hall Green to be treated in the same way. Therefore the Hall Green North ward should be in my opinion, divided into two single member wards. The fact that Hall Green North has two distinct areas with the far northern area being made up of terraced housing and the southern part being more distinctly suburban and semi-detached means this move makes even more sense.

Kind Regards

Mike Hochkins
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Alan Holland
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Organisation Name: [redacted]

Comment text:

Thank you for listening to my concerns for Moseley and reacting so positively. I'm delighted with your revised proposal for a 2 councillor Moseley Ward and will engage with local politics with renewed enthusiasm.

Uploaded Documents:

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Annotation 1: Cotteridge/Stirchley canal border

Comment text:
The revised boundary between Cotteridge and Stirchley has moved it in the wrong direction - the canal forms a more meaningful boundary between the two areas, and many Cotteridge businesses and Cotteridge School would all be in Stirchley under these proposals. Historically and geographically it makes more sense to separate them at the canal - the train lines used as borders in this proposal are not entirely obvious at road level.
Sir or Madam,

Consultation on further recommendations for Birmingham City Council

I would like to comment on the proposed Harborne and Quinton wards.

My neighbourhood is currently assigned to Quinton ward. It is my strong view that we would be most appropriately assigned to Harborne ward instead. My neighbourhood is much more closely associated with Harborne than Quinton.

1. My neighbourhood was part of Harborne village prior to Harborne being annexed into Birmingham in 1891. It remained an integral part of Harborne ward right up until 2004, when it was moved into Quinton ward.

2. Residents and local organisations have retained their association with Harborne; for example, they still use Harborne in their postal addresses.

3. The neighbourhood is adjacent to Harborne Golf Club and a short walk from Harborne High Street which is the closest location for shopping facilities and similar amenities.

4. West Boulevard is a major four-lane highway that physically separates the neighbourhood from Quinton. This major barrier prevents natural movement and stops the area associating with Quinton.

5. Minton Road, Doulton Close and Chelsea Close are accessed from Welsh House Farm Road and connected by a path to Wentworth Way. Residents on these roads associate with the 'Harborne Rise' area and note that the Boundary review has already listened to the residents of Wentworth Way, returning it to the Harborne ward.

6. Tennal Road takes its name from the historic Tennal Hall which was a major landmark in Harborne. However, one side of Tennal Road is in the proposed Harborne ward and the other side in the proposed Quinton ward. The Quinton side includes the cul de sacs of Savoy Close, Copperbeech Close and Rosehead Drive; these are only accessible from Tennal Road and face towards Harborne. This arrangement is illogical and it would be much better if the whole neighbourhood were in Harborne.

In summary, the proposal I am making will result in better, more appropriate representation for my neighbourhood and I urge you to give it serious consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,
Dear Sirs,

I am very concerned about my area Harborne, and possible plans, by you, to integrate my area to make us part of the Quinton Ward.

This would be a travesty for me. Harborne is a beautiful example of a 'leafy' place, with a quiet atmosphere. I live in Harborne my post-code is B17 8SL.

Harborne is a historical area. We have 'Harborne History Society' Harborne History Walks. The oldest part is still referred to as Harborne Village. We have a good High Street with an assortment of shops, some of them specialist outlets.

Why would I not want to be part of all this. Please look carefully when you are considering boundary changes, and please, let us keep Harborne!

Brenda Holmes.
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Juliet Holmes
E-mail: [Redacted]
Postcode: [Redacted]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

RE MOSELEY WARD We responded to the original proposals and commend the efforts of the Boundary Commission as evidenced by the revised arrangements and the extension of the consultation. We are pleased to say that we support the amendments in relation to Moseley Ward which very much reflect the concerns which we, and many other residents, expressed. In particular, we endorse the adjustments to the eastern and western boundaries, which restore to Moseley ward those areas properly associated with Moseley, and the decision to allocate 2 councillors to this enlarged ward. There are, however, still two matters of remaining concern, which might be considered to be 'tidying up': 1. The boundary along Green Rd, in the south west of the ward, should be moved to incorporate both sides of that road and the cul de sacs on the northern side - it does not make sense to divide that small community in the way currently proposed. 2. Balsall Heath Park should be restored to the ward of that name - it is the focal point for a number of social activities promoted by the community groups in that area, and it does not seem to serve any purpose to place it in Moseley. If these two minor adjustments were responded to as suggested, we would be in total agreement and wholeheartedly support the draft proposals.

Uploaded Documents:

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Dear Sir or Madam,

we have lived at [REDACTED] since 1981, and have always regarded ourselves as living in Harborne: we go to church in Harborne, shop there, attend a Harborne GP practice, and our son went to primary school in Harborne. I barely know where Quinton is. This being so, I would like to object to the area where I live being included in Quinton ward; we have no ties to Quinton and would be on the extreme perimeter of the ward (and therefore likely to rank very low on the priorities list for local representatives). I therefore request that Grosvenor Road B17 be included in Harborne ward.

Your faithfully,

Dr and Mrs T F Hosty
Thanks,
Laura

From: brendan houston
Sent: 26 May 2016 18:55
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: Swanshurst lane and the boundary commission

I absolutely **disagree** with this

and want to disagree with this

and want to remain in the Moseley Ward!!!!

signed

Mr Brendan Houston
Mrs June Houston
Miss Kenzie Houston
Mr Brendan Houston jnr
Miss Nancy Houston
Miss Poppy Houston
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Andrew Howell
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Organisation Name: [redacted]

Comment text:
I attach my submission re. Balsall Heath.

Uploaded Documents:
None Uploaded
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Jean Howell
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Organisation Name: [redacted]

Comment text:

Thank you for your amended proposals for the Banners Gate area of Sutton Coldfield (Vesey Ward). I am satisfied that you have taken into account both my objections and suggested amendments. I am now satisfied with the proposals for this area. I am grateful for your genuine approach to Public Consultation and you have somewhat restored my faith in 'listening to the public'.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Ged Hughes
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Organisation Name:

Comment text:

Thank you for looking again at the boundaries and taking into account the historic and community centres and people's connections with the area. As an Acocks Green resident I am much happier about the realignment and support this version.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Lisa Hughes
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name: Waterworks Estate

Comment text:

Why are wards being split into 2? Is Edgbaston more important than North Edgbaston? What is the rationale behind this? I live on the Waterworks Estate and would like it left as Edgbaston. We have worked hard over 20 years to make our Edgbaston Estate a safe place to live. We do not want to be connected to other wards eg Summerfield

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Personal Details:

Name: Harj Hullait
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

Hi, We live on Croftdown Road which is currently in Harborne. We bought this house in 2006 due to it being in Harborne. We have no wish to live in Quinton. We ask that the boundary remain as is.

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2 June 2016

Subject: - Boundary Changes Tyburn Ward

To Whom It May Concern

As a local resident I would like to take this opportunity to express my views regarding the boundary changes that are taking place in time for the 2018 Local Elections across Birmingham.

I believe that a combined Pype Hayes/ Birches Green single member ward would be a much better option than your current proposal to combine Pype Hayes with part of Erdington around the Yenton Pub.

Pype Hayes and Birches Green have a long history together as part of the same parish of Pype Hayes and people living in both areas see Pype Hayes and Birches Green as a single community.

Like my neighbours I shop at the Kingsbury/Tyburn Road shopping centre which links the Birches Green and Pype Hayes communities.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my views.

Yours faithfully
Garvey Humphrey
Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for reviewing the proposed changes to the ward and for proposing a new area that incorporates the historic part of Acocks Green to the north of the railway line. I believe this better represents the community as a whole and fully support the changes.

Yours faithfully,

Debby Hunt
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Margaret Hunt
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Postcode: [redacted]
Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I wish to stay in Erdington, not Pype Hayes, it would mean a different parish and other facilities would change. The boundaries need to stay the same.

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Sirs.

The boundaries you have proposed for Erdington are unacceptable, as this will split communities.

The recommended changes are:

1. keeping the area north of the Chester Road, up to Harman Road, Berwood Farm Road and Pitts Farm in Erdington.
2. add Birches Green to Pype Hayes ward as they have connected history and shopping area.
3. Add Wyrley Birch to Stockland Green, as it shares Witton Boating Lakes Park.
4. Add Court Farm area to Perry Common, as requested by residents.
5. Make border of Tyburn/Gravelly Hill ward, the railway line instead of Gravelly Hill North, this is a more natural barrier.

These proposals are more acceptable to Erdington residents, as the changes you propose would change Parish boundaries and cause confusion to many people.

Sincerely

Mrs. Margaret Hunt
Dear Sir,

Thank you for the information regarding the further recommendations for the electoral arrangements for Birmingham City Council.

I am replying to say that I agree with the new proposals for the Erdington Ward. I have lived in Erdington all my life and am pleased that Godsmoor Lane, Erdington Abbey, Erdington Railway Station, and Erdington High Street are to remain in the new Erdington Ward, as are other people I have spoken to.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]
Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to express my support for the latest proposals that have been published, particularly the creation of the Hall Green North Ward. This truly allows the community to be united and the historical ties to remain in Hall Green.

Many thanks,

Dzenana Hurem
Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your email detailing the revised proposals for Yardley, now to be called Yardley East. I am very pleased that the commission has taken note of local concerns and redrawn the proposed boundary. The new draft makes good sense and preserves the integrity of the local area and neighbourhood in a way which retains a coherent community. It is also pleasing that the historic name of Yardley is to be kept. I am grateful to the commission for taking note of our concerns.

Yours faithfully,

Lesley Husbands

Sent from my iPad
Birmingham District

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Organisation Name: [redacted]

Comment text:

In regards to the ward split, I currently live in the Moseley area on Burke Avenue. I am strongly against the changes being proposed as the area that me and my family live in will become Sparkhill, this is not acceptable. My reasons to back this up are below... - I purchased the house because it was in the Moseley area and as the Moseley area has a higher standard I spent the extra premium. The changes will de-value the resale price of the property and ruin the standard set. - After doing my research it is clear that insurance premiums are also more expensive in the Sparkhill area which is another reason against the changes - The changes that will have to be made in terms of paperwork e.g. bills, registrations... this will be a huge task which will need to be started from scratch - Even if you were willing to compensate our losses in house value and insurance... you can not put a price on a standard set for many years... onto more community based reasons, - Our connections here are to schools in Moseley and not Sparkhill - We all have historical links to Moseley Village, we have similar links to Moseley Bog in our neighbourhood Finally, if these changes were to go ahead... I would be very disappointed as I feel the reasons behind the change do not override the reasons it should stay as it is... Thank you Mazher

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Dear Review Board,

I write in response to the second publication of draft proposals for Birmingham, specifically the plans for Hall Green.

On the one hand, you have eliminated the “Tyseley” name from the area, which will quell a lot of local concerns. On the other, you have now created an imbalanced situation where one small part of Hall Green has one kind of democracy whereas the rest of it has to make do with something else. As I said in my previous letter: having three single member wards would allow for better and more accountable governance than the current setup of one ward serving 20,000 people.

Having a single-member “Hall Green South” ward and a two-member “Hall Green North” ward is silly, particularly given how it appears to be split in an entirely arbitrary way. There is actually more in common between the Southern parts of Hall Green North and the whole of Hall Green South than there is between the Northern and Southern parts of Hall Green North!

Hall Green South itself is fine, but you’d do much better to split Hall Green North in two to create a Hall Green North and Hall Green Central ward. The best way to divide this, I’d suggest, is along Cole Bank Road and School Road – creating a simple straight line boundary.

This would actually reflect differing priorities for different parts of the community:

- The North ward getting dedicated representation to pursue issues relating to Hall Green Parade (in much need of regeneration), Hall Green Station and Hall Green Stadium (currently threatened with demolition).
- The Central ward would have a representative that could dedicate his or her time to things like keeping Hall Green Library open, improving the traffic flow on Robin Hood Island and looking after the needs of the Pitmaston Estate.
The North ward would be demographically quite different to the Central ward: the North would typically have younger, lower income individuals in predominantly terraced housing; the Central ward older, almost exclusively semi-detached housing, middle-income families.

I am confident that if you split it along the lines I suggest, each section of Hall Green would elect excellent councillors who could devote their time to preserving what’s good about their patch and improving what isn’t. I believe the numbers add up to support this as well.

Kind regards

Tom W Huxley
The Review Officer (Birmingham)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
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Dear Sir/Madam

Hall Green South is a well drawn ward but I feel that Hall Green North could be better. It is unusual that you haven’t made the whole of Hall Green into single member wards like you did with your previous review. It would not be difficult to do and would not be a huge change to the boundaries for Hall Green North, the only addition needs to be a line that would go along Cole Bank Road to divide Hall Green North into two single member wards. It means all of Hall Green will be equal in number of councillors to an area and because Hall Green North has two distinctly different areas, the division will mean the Hall Green wards will be better able to represent communities.

Yours Faithfully

Elizabeth Huxtable (Mrs)
Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to comment on your proposals in the Hall Green area. As someone who goes into the Hall Green South ward I like the idea of being represented by a single councillor. But if you can do this for Hall Green South, then why not for the rest of Hall Green? Rather than keep the Hall Green North ward a two member ward, why not divide it along the Cole Bank Road into two single member wards. It won’t just equalise the situation and number of councillors that each person in Hall Green is represented by, it will mean communities are better represented. Part of Hall Green North has a centre along the Hall Green Parade where as the rest of the ward is more suburban in nature and their centre runs along the Stratford Road from the library to the aldi. Breaking Hall Green North into two single member wards is therefore logical.

Yours Faithfully

[Redacted]

Francis Huxtable
Birmingham District

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Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

The new draft proposals in my area of Birmingham make far more sense as it seems structured around real communities with names that make sense to local residents. For example Moseley Village and Moseley Golf Club would now actually be in Moseley.

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Dear Sir,

I understand that boundaries are being redefined throughout the country and it could be planned that my address above could be placed in QUINTON permanently when we should be in HARBORNE. Eventually, we realised that

this could result in our postal address would be considered to be QUINTON when it must definitely remain as HARBORNE.

Estate Agents tell us that location is everything, and since properties in QUINTON are much cheaper than HARBORNE and such a move would substantially devalue designated properties by many thousands of pounds.

Will you please make my records that I strongly object to our area being known as QUINTON and ask

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

John M. [Redacted]
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

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E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I live in Acocks green and do not want the boundaries to change am unhappy about the changes and how it will negatively effect my house price and car insurance. I'm unhappy that no consultation was carried out at all.

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