Local Residents L submissions to the Birmingham City Council electoral review

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Dear sir/madam,

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I hope this will be considered during the review.

Mr G S Lallie.
Dear sir/madam

I have recently learnt about the proposed boundary changes which would put my property on Norwich Drive (currently in Harborne) into the Quinton ward.

I oppose this move. I specifically moved into this area because it is Harborne. It is a prestigious area which attracts one of the best property prices in Birmingham. The boundary review will affect property prices and alter the prestige associated with living here.

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As an Acocks Green resident I am very satisfied with the new boundary proposals for Acocks Green ward. I feel that these reflect the actual social and cultural arrangement of the ward far better. Culturally, socially and historically Acocks Green North between the Chiltern Line and the canal is most definitely part of Acocks Green and not of South Yardley. The division between Acocks Green and Hall Green, taking in most of the Fox Hollies estate area and the division running along the A40A40 now feels to be far better, as well, since people in the Fox Hollies area work with people in Acocks Green to improve the district as a whole. I believe the Tyseley/Hay Mills area which has traditionally not had much involvement in Acocks Green may well benefit from more concentrated attention from an individual councillor.
Hi,

I'm writing again to say that I'm now happy with the new Boundary Commission’s proposals for the Acocks Green ward in Birmingham. Thanks for reconsidering these changes.

Best wishes,

Mick.
As a Council Tax Payer of many years standing in Birmingham, I write again to put my point of view on the Boundary Commission’s deliberation on Council Representation for Sutton Coldfield.

There is a comparison which suggests that the correct number of councillors properly and fairly to represent Sutton is 11.

This also dictates resources and spending for the area.

Particularly given that there are further planned residential developments, 11 should be the minimum.

And yet, the boundary commission is suggesting 10.

This is wrong, undemocratic and unfair, and we demand our 11 councillors, not 10.

Thank you.

Tim Lawrence
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name:               Karen Leach
E-mail:             [Redacted]
Postcode:           [Redacted]
Organisation Name:  

Comment text:

I live on the Moseley/Balsall Heath border and associate with both places. I don't care which side of the boundary my house is, but I think it's very wrong to split Balsall Heath in two as per the current proposals. Balsall Heath has two halves across the Alcester Road, and the new ward boundary should reflect this basic shape. I am glad that the Moseley boundary has been improved but it should not be at the expense of BH's identity. BH is poorer and thus may have a quieter voice - but therefore it matters all the more. Furthermore, I still strongly object to Birmingham's democratic representation being reduced, with no consultation being given on the principle of this. we already have fewer representatives per head than any other city I've looked at, and this reduces them further. This is against all democratic good practice.

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Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: David Lealan
E-mail: [Redacted]
Postcode: [Redacted]
Organisation Name: N/A

Comment text:

At long last common sense prevails. We who live in Wentworth Way, always knew we lived in Harborne. But were forced to B32 for all the wrong reasons. This is without a shadow of doubt the correct decision. This will come as great relief to all our neighbours. Well done Boundary Commission.

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Personal Details:

Name: Alan Legg
E-mail: [Redacted]
Postcode: [Redacted]

Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

The expansion of Birmingham was based on the incorporation of a number of Urban and Rural District councils of which the Urban District of Kings Norton and Northfield was one of the most important. This is reflected in Northfield having been a parliamentary constituency for 60 years. Northfield has been emasculated in these proposals with the bizarre formation of West Heath and Allens Cross. They are not traditional districts and are a nonsense in my view. No one says they live in West Heath or Allens Cross, they say they live in Northfield.

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Personal Details:

Name: Alan Legg
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I don't have any issue with the actual ward boundaries but I don't think that sufficient weight has been given to historic names. The great expansion of Birmingham primarily at the beginning of the 20th century incorporated the Urban Districts of Northfield and Kings Norton, Yardley, Perry Barr, Erdington etc. These UDs were based on ancient parishes, which in the case of Northfield has a 1000 year history. Northfield has been emasculated to one single one member ward and the creation of 2 West Heath wards, which has no historical significance and Allens Cross, the name of a council estate. Historically the parish of Northfield was divided into 5 districts - Selly, Weoley, Frankley, Shenley and Hay. Allens Cross is historic Shenley, West Heath is Hay. In the case of Sutton Coldfield you have prefixed all the ward names with Surton. Why is that not the case with the other ancient Birmingham parishes? I know no one who says they live in West Heath or Allens Cross, they would say Northfield. Northfield has been the name of a Parliamentary constituency since 1951 and now it seems it is likely to be named West Heath, a name of no historical significance and, more importantly, a minor sub district of an historic parish.

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Personal Details:

Name: Fiona Lenton
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

Dear sir/madam: I have been a resident of Burke Ave, Moseley, for 17 years. We moved to this area because all of my professional peers live in Moseley, and it seemed like a nice place to live in. We have enjoyed the restaurants, cafes, doctors, and other therapeutic services that are available in Moseley, and I now work in Moseley too. I have been very disheartened to see that Burke Ave, Keel Drive and parts of Green Rd are to be moved to the Sparkhill Ward, and I would like to voice my concern over this. Since moving in to our house, we have become a part of this community - our neighbours collect parcels for each other, we look after each other’s properties when we go on holiday, and we check on the older members of our road if we have not heard from them for a while. Moving us to Sparkhill is totally out of character with the community we have built up here in Moseley, and I do not want this change to go ahead. Moreover, our Moseley community have celebrated various events with street parties where all the roads mentioned above have joined together for games, food and fun. If we split to become part of Sparkhill ward it is not a genuine reflection of who we are or what we have strived to achieve in terms of cohesion, our ability to embrace the other cultures we live with in these roads, and the grace we extend to each other respecting the variety of faiths represented here. It also goes against the local government guidelines where a local boundary aim is to keep communities and services together. The residents who will be affected by being assigned to Sparkhill do not even have direct access to Sparkhill, but have access to Moseley - again, another reason we moved to this area and the Moseley ward. I look forward to hearing your response - sincerely, Fiona Lenton

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7th June 2016

Dear Sirs,

I request that our property be kept as part of the Harborne Ward. The property falls within the B17 Harborne Ward as shown in the area outlined.

Yours faithfully,

[Name]

Address:
Local Government Boundary Committee
for England,
14th Floor, Millbank Tower,
Millbank,
London SW1P 4QP.
Do you want your property to be in Harborne or Quinton?

The Election Boundaries Commission is reviewing the election boundaries

Some parties are proposing that your property be part of the Quinton Ward.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The value of your property may be effected by the boundary changes. To keep your property in the Harborne Ward make your views known to the Election Boundary Commission:

- **Write to:** Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 14th Floor, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London, SW1P 4QP

- **Email:** You can make a submission by emailing: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

- **Website:** visit www.lgbce.org.uk or go directly to consultation.lgbce.org.uk to have your say.

Any representations must be made by 20th June 2016

SEE IF YOUR PROPERTY IS UNDER THREAT

(Map overleaf)
Write to the Election Boundaries Commission to say that you wish for your property to be in the Harborne Ward if your property falls in the area outlined.

YOUR VIEWS WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

DO NOT DELAY & TELL YOUR NEIGHBOURS
Dear Sirs,

May I request that you give proper consideration to Sutton’s communities and that, consequent upon our proposed changes, Sutton has 11 rather than 10 councillors.

Indeed, it seems that will be under-represented compared to our size of ward against others in Birmingham.

Yours faithfully,

Leon Paul Lester
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Caroline Lewis

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

Many of the residents in Green Road, Burke Avenue and Keel Drive who will be assigned to Sparkhill ward have historical and cultural links to Moseley, including children at schools in Moseley, work places, places of Worship, societies and recreational activities, and, therefore, do not feel it is right for them to be assigned to living in the Sparkhill ward which they do not feel part of. The two sides of Green Road forms a community which, historically, has come together at times of national celebration and therefore feels it is right to stay together as one community.

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The Review Officer (Birmingham)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
14th Floor Millbank Tower
Millbank
London
SW1P 4QP

09/06/2016

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 for the following reasons:

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,

Greig Lewis
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Veronica Lines
E-mail: [Redacted]
Postcode: [Redacted]
Organisation Name: [Redacted]

Comment text:

Coming under a different area will de-value my home and how much car insurance have to pay, also poll tax will rise, Not good all details will have to be changed, I do hope you keep [Redacted] as acock green

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Personal Details:

Name: Katarzyna Listowska
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 
Comment text:
Keep Ninfield Road in Acocks Green

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Return Wyrley Birch to Stockland Green

Dear Local Government Boundary Commission for England,

Wyrley Birch has been always been closely connected to Stockland Green through the shared use of the Witton Boating Lakes Park. The estate opens onto roads in Stockland Green and has no connection with Perry Common. Indeed in the proposals put forward by the Boundary Commission leaves residents of Wyrley Birch would have to travel through three or four other wards to join to Perry Common yet would only have to enter the local park to join Stockland Green residents.

Therefore we call on the Commission to swap the Court Farm area (CIA polling district) into Perry Common Ward, enabling you to put the Wyrley Birch estate (COF) back in Stockland Green. This allows the Yenton area of Erdington (CIF) to be retained in Erdington. 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

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
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Ruth Livermore

Comment text:

Regarding proposed boundary change I would like to suggest the minor change shown on the map above - Burke Avenue and Keele Drive have no other exit other than along Green Road which links directly to the Moseley Ward and not Sparkhill Ward. Burke Avenue has a high boundary wall between it and the dwellings on Silverton Crescent - see photograph attached - which shows an historic division in this area. Indeed the 1903 Ordnance Survey map of the area shows field boundaries between properties previously on this land. I moved to Burke Avenue with my parents in 1974 and since then the majority of children, whatever their ethnicity, have been educated at St Bernard's Primary School on Wake Green Road, or Moseley Church of England School on School Road and none, to my knowledge, have attended the next nearest primary school, Springfield. For secondary education many have attended Swanshurst, Wheelers Lane and Moseley School, which demonstrates an orientation towards Moseley/Kings Heath and its facilities. Community events such as Jubilee celebrations have been organised by residents of this area of Green Road and Burke Avenue and Keele Drive. There is a natural gravitation towards the cultural and social activities of Moseley including churches, Farmers' Market, local history society etc. Both in terms of governance and community it would be logical to place these households in Moseley Ward.

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Delighted to learn that the historic name of Yardley has been retained. Credit to all concerned.

Regards Brian Lloyd, Stechford resident.
Dear Sirs,

As a resident of Yardley for most of my life I am relieved that Stancroft Grove is to be included in Yardley East. Yardley is an old and much loved area, which can trace its history back through hundreds of years, and to change the boundary is unthinkable.

June Lloyd
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Susan Lobban
E-mail:
Postcode:
Organisation Name:

Comment text:

Not sure why Balsall Heath Road comes under Balsall Heath Ward when our postcode is B5 Edgbaston not Balsall Heath. My address was Balsall Heath originally but was charged years ago to Edgbaston. Shouldn't it be the case that your postcode should reflect the ward you come under? This is the reason my car insurance premiums are so high for us because insurance companies think our postcode is Balsall Heath. Even Birmingham City Council believe our postcode of B5 is Sparkbrook not Edgbaston! This whole postcode thing is a big hot mess which someone needs to spend time sorting out, maybe then we will all end up in the correct wards.

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Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Tina Logan
E-mail: [Redacted]
Postcode: [Redacted]
Organisation Name: [Redacted]

Comment text:

I wish to let it be known that as a long term resident of Acocks Green I wish to opt out of the plan to merge us with Hay Mills. Keep our boundaries as they are.

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Personal Details:

Name: Christopher Lowe
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name: [REDACTED]

Comment text:

I live in the proposed Ladywood Ward area. I am very pleased to see that the Boundary Commission's original proposals for the new Ladywood Ward have remained unchanged. I feel that the boundaries represent natural communities in that area. I like the name 'Soho & Jeweller Quarter'. I think that it is a big improvement on the previous suggestion. I think that the North Edgbaston Ward boundary suggestion is sensible. I think that it reflects a sensible community. Hagley Road does act as a divider, and so it is appropriate to draw the line down Hagley Road.

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To whom it may concern,

We are residents in [redacted]. We would like our property to be in the Harborne ward as geographically we are closer aligned to Harborne and feel that we would have a Harborne post code. We would like our comments to be included in any submission regarding boundary change.

Regards,

Mary & Phil Lowe
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

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

Comment text:

This new shape for a Kings Heath ward is a bit unwieldy. It also includes areas which would never be regarded as being in Kings Heath, and leaves out places that would be regarded as being in Kings Heath. In the West it goes as far as Pershore Road, which is a long way from Kings Heath and is in Stirchley. Yet to the East the boundary goes up the middle of the main Kings Heath road, Alcester Road South, thus excluding part of the Kings Heath area. The current layout will mean that people living quite some distance from Kings Heath centre will have a say over what happens there, but people who live near the centre of Kings Heath won’t know about things. This is the sort of situation which should be avoided. The proposed ward needs to lose part of its western side along the Pershore Road (that belongs in Stirchley) And it needs to add a bit more on its eastern side. The proposed boundary appears to come along Wheelers Lane and then go right into Howard Road East, and then turn left up Alcester Road South. It would be better, after coming along Wheelers Lane, if it turned left into Haunch Lane, then right into Taylor Road, and then left into Alcester Road South. On the part of Alcester Road South between Howard Road East and Taylor Road both sides of the road would regard themselves as being in the same ward. That east side of the road may look as though all the buildings have been turned into businesses, but between 231 and 241 Alcester Road South (a section directly opposite Livingstone Road) there are 5 blocks of flats, where all the people will come out of their front doors and turn towards Kings Heath centre for their daily needs. As a general point, it would always be better if boundary lines could go along the back of people’s back gardens rather than up the middle of roads as this causes division.

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Personal Details:

Name: Margaret Lyne
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

At last, someone used a bit of common sense. I am happy with the proposed boundaries. I have lived in Hall Green for over forty years and the idea that it could be carved up just because someone saw fit to draw a boundary through it, appalled me. I’ m sure many people have written to you about our strong community spirit and it appears that you have responded to this and allowed us to keep the important parts of Hall Green within Hall Green. Thank you. I hope these boundary changes are made final so far as they affect me. One final thing that concerns me is that the boundary goes down the middle of one end of Green Road so that one side is in Hall Green North and the other side is in Sparkhill. Knowing the area very well, I know that regardless of assurances to the contrary houses in Sparkhill are valued at a lower price than similar houses in Hall Green. It would make sense to make the boundary behind those houses.

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