Local Residents M submissions to the Birmingham City Council electoral review

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From: MacGowan Janet
Sent: 08 June 2016 08:02
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: Birmingham city Council proposed Harborne and Quinton Wards

Please find attached my comments on the proposed Harborne and Quinton Wards - Birmingham city council consultation.

Jan Macgowan MCSP
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Consultation on further recommendation for Birmingham city Council

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8th June 2016

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Mr and Mrs J Macgowan
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: D P Maguire
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I agree with all the points made about the Moseley Ward in the Response to The Electoral Review of Birmingham: Further Draft Recommendations by the Combined Community Groups of Moseley June 2016. I hope that common sense will prevail and that the final decision will reflect the wishes of residents and that the history of this unique area will be preserved.

Uploaded Documents:

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

<Today's date> 4/6/2016

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Yours faithfully,

<Your name>
Let's put our neighbourhood back into Harborne

Dear Fellow Resident,

The authorities are currently redrawing Birmingham's boundaries and we have a great opportunity to get our neighbourhood put back into Harborne. It had always been part of Harborne until 2004, when it was moved into Quinton.

I have spoken to many of our fellow residents and we think it's time that this historical wrong is righted and we are put back where we belong – in Harborne.

If you don't want to miss out on this opportunity, please write to or email the Boundary Commission by **Monday 20 June**. Overleaf you'll find a template letter – please feel free to adapt it as you'd like.

The postal address is **The Review Officer (Birmingham), Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 14th Floor Millbank Tower, Millbank, London, SW1P 4QP** and the email address is **REVIEWS@LGBCE.ORG.UK**.

**Letters like this do work** – letters from a few residents of neighbouring Wentworth Way during the previous round of consultation resulted in the Boundary Commission moving their road into Harborne. We can do the same.

You can find more information on the general proposals for Birmingham by searching online for **Boundary Commission Birmingham**.

Thank you very much for reading – please feel free to contact me with any queries.

Yours faithfully,

Mick Flaherty, Resident of Doulton Close
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

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

Comment text:

I agree with the inclusion of the areas surrounding and including Croftdown Road into the Harborne ward.

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Birmingham District

Personal Details:

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

Comment text:
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Uploaded Documents:
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Personal Details:

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

Comment text:
I agree with the inclusion of the areas surrounding and including Croftdown Road into the Harborne ward.

Uploaded Documents:
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Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Prabh Malhi
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

I agree with the inclusion of the area including and surrounding Croftdown Road into the Harborne Ward.

Uploaded Documents:

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Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Ravinder Malhi
E-mail: [Redacted]
Postcode: [Redacted]
Organisation Name: [Redacted]

Comment text:

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Dear Sirs

Please find attached my proposal letter for Birmingham boundaries reviews.

Thank you
Dear Sirs

I am writing to you in relation to the review proposal of the Washwood Heath Ward, which was previously proposed to split into 3 separate wards of Alum Rock, Saltley and Ward End with fragments taken from other adjacent wards to make up the necessary minimum numbers and was acceptable with a single councillor.

For democracy to have a chance of taking a foothold in the inner city area of Alum Rock, Saltley and Ward End it would make sense just to have one councillor as we currently have 3, all from the same party and two are related to each other and the other one is their family friend and consecutively win local elections by a high majority.

The new proposal of wards I believe is being influence by the local councillors for their own benefits to keep the 3 councillors in power, If for example if Nechells, Bordesley ward was joining to Alum Rock, Saltley and Ward End there would more votes from people with various different backgrounds and the chance of a fair election would be real. I state this because the local population of Alum Rock, Saltey and Ward End is mainly of South Asian Community from Azad Kashmir and expiring social deprivation, many of these resident have difficulty in their use of the English language and difficult for them to obtain employment other than menial tasks which do not require them to interact to significant degree with the host population and I believe the elected councillors are from the same province in Azad Kashmir and use that to their advantage in elections to win majority of the votes and keep segregation in the community and not letting the community advance.

I propose that the single Councillor wards for the inner City e.g. Nechells and Alum Rock, Saltley and Bordesley ward as one, which will allow democracy to develop and also end segregation and give others chance to bring fresh ideas into community and let the community interact more with the host population and there might be a chance of a fair local election.

Thank you for your time.

Yours Faithfully
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Zhor Malik
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 
Comment text:

I have lived in Balsall Heath since 1967 and believe that the Boundary commission has captured the area just right. The area captured in the Sparkbrook Ward is also correct as it has always been known as Sparkbrook Ward. The area identified in the Balsall Heath Ward has always been in a no mans land as far as the organisations have been concerned so it is welcoming to learn that the Boundary commission have put some thought into it. Well Done.

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Personal Details:

Name: Miss chelse Manley
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Organisation Name: 
Comment text:
I would like ninfield road to stay in Acocks green!

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From: J C Barata Mariano  
Sent: 18 June 2016 03:24  
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>  
Subject: Consultation on further recommendations for Birmingham City Council

The Review Officer (Birmingham)  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
14th Floor Millbank Tower  
Millbank  
London  
SW1P 4QP  
18th June 2016

Sir or Madam,

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Melissa Mariano
Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Proposed Boundary Charges - Acocks Green Ward, Birmingham

Thank you for your communication in response to our letter of 2nd Feb 2016, and with reference to your “further draft proposal for Acocks Green Ward”.

We wish to let you know of our great pleasure in readying the further draft recommendations, for the revised ward for Acocks Green — and to thank you for the consideration you have given to the views of the local residents.

The incorporation of the historic core of Acocks Green, which lies on both sides of the Chelten railway line — making the Grand Union Canal the Northern boundary of Acocks Green Ward, and the A4040 the Western boundary, is exactly the outcome which most reflects the wishes of the residents of Acocks Green.

The identity of Acocks Green Village, growing up with the railway station at its heart, has been established over decades. During this time a pride in the village has grown. Today neighbours, volunteers, local traders,
and businesses work together to preserve its integrity, and give their time to enhance an atmosphere of co-operation and self-help.

The library, local places of worship, and community centres provide focal points for all ages and interests.

We are grateful to you for recognising our concerns, and so enabling Acocks Green Ward to continue as a united, thriving, welcoming and attractive part of greater Birmingham.

With Regards,

Yours faithfully,

E. A. MARLOW
J. MARLOW
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Michael and Janet Marlow
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

We welcome the Commission's further recommendations for ward boundary proposals in Birmingham with regard to the Moseley area of the city. We appreciate the Commission's considered response to the various submissions in the previous round of consultations including our own. In our view the newly revised boundary for the proposed Moseley ward represents a fair reflection of the extent of the community associated with Moseley with the 'Village' centre providing services to that community at its geographical centre of the ward. At the same time, the Commission's proposals comply with the required equal electorate criterion within acceptable tolerances.

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CONSULTATION ON FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL.

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Yours faithfully

GC & P MARSHALL
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: David Martin
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: I am DGM

Comment text:

I do not agree with changing the area that my road falls under Ninfield Road is part of Acocks Green and always should be!

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
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Yours faithfully
Josie Martucci.
Dear Sir / Madam

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7. Following the restructuring of boundaries for policing and community support officers – our regular meetings were moved from a venue within walking distance to one only accessible if one had a car – elderly unable to attend. If we were returned to Harborne ward there may be the opportunity to hold meetings nearer to all concerned.

8. With all the changes in the past it is very difficult to maintain a community spirit – being in Harborne back in the 1960s, change of postcode, creation of Woodgate, between Harborne and Quinton – which is further away from us than Harborne. Our original address was in fact Birmingham 17 - which is a Harborne postcode – so it makes sense to return to the original area.

9. Harborne village in 1834 included all of Welsh House Farm, both sides of Tennal Road, Northfield Road – Hart’s Green. (Information taken from ‘Harborne once upon a time’ written by Tom Presterne and published in 1913. Map in this book shows the historic boundary of the manor of Harborne.

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Yours faithfully

Josie Martucci.
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Taira Masood
E-mail: 
Postcode: 

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I wish to protest the removal of part of Green Road from Moseley ward. This road is completely dissimilar in character to Sparkhill. It is more a country lane than a road and in character very similar to that of Moseley. Anything other than the most superficial look at the street itself will not only prove this but also highlight other problems with changing its ward. The street has significant cultural and historic links to Moseley village and the same to Moseley Bog and Joy's Wood. Most importantly, the whole of Green Road along with it's side roads are one cohesive community that comes together through the organising of various events throughout the year. These include the celebration of significant local and national events. We are proud of our links with JRR Tolkien and hold the annual 'Middle Earth Festival' right here on the street. When researching this event prospective visitors will find more similarities between the 'Lord of the Rings' image and the leafy, almost forest like image of Moseley as opposed to the vibrant yet more industrial character of Sparkhill. Our links are to schools and other community services in Moseley and not in Sparkhill. In short, this is a cohesive community with significant links to Moseley. The the local boundary aims to keep communities and services together. The proposed changes will act to the detriment of this, going against local government guidelines. Please allow our historically significant community to remain together.

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Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: David Matthews
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I am guessing the logic for St Laurence Road where I live being in Bournville & Cotteridge ward is because we are within the BVT scheme. However, on matters that affect me on a day-to-day basis, I have everything in common with Northfield, the centre of which is no more than a 5 minutes walk away, while Bournville / Cotteridge centres are a mile or two away and their issues are very remote from me. A number of people locally have made the same point and I would ask you to review the north east boundary of Northfield, and consider extending it to, say, Hole Lane. Additionally, the area in which St Laurence Schools are situated should be treated likewise as they are Northfield schools with little in common with Bournville and Cotteridge. Additionally, these are church schools but the relevant church (St Laurence) is in a different ward, i.e. Northfield!

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Dear sir/madam

Please do not divide us. I have been a resident in keel drive for over 30 years and have a stronger link with moseley ward schoolwise, medical and social. The proposal to divide us is not acceptable or logical. Breaking up a cohesive community when a local boundary aim is to keep communities and services together. The two sides of green road, burke avenue and keel drive hold a close bond and often celebrate national events, our children and grandchildren always participate in these. I with all my residents in keel drive share the same views. I am sure the board will give it a serious thought about our views as it does effect our bond and ties with moseley ward over so many years.

regards
shabnam mawji
resident of [redacted]
The Review Officer (Birmingham)  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
14th Floor Millbank Tower  
Millbank  
SW1P 4QP

Dear Sir/Madam  

Re: Please do not divide us

I have lived in Keel Drive for over 30 yrs. My children & grandchildren have close links with Moseley regading schools, medical & social areas. We associate with Green Road & Burke Avenue when celebrating local events, so feel quite strongly if Green Road will be divided. Your aim is to keep communities together not divide them.

Please consider our views and let us be with Moseley ward where we feel familiar not with Sparkhill. I feel quite strongly about this proposal.

Thank you  
Yours sincerely  
Shabnam Mawji
From: JONES, Bethan M  
Sent: 20 June 2016 12:10  
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>  
Subject: Steve McCabe MP - Comments on further recommendations, Birmingham

To whom it may concern,

Please see attached for a letter from Steve McCabe MP regarding the Boundary’s Commissions further draft recommendations. A hard copy has also been sent in the post.

Kind regards,

Bethan Jones  
Constituency Office of Steve McCabe MP  
Member of Parliament for Birmingham, Selly Oak

Steve McCabe MP may use the e-mail address you have given me to keep in touch with you about the work he does locally and in Parliament. If you do not want to hear from him please let me know via an e-mail to this address. Please note you will receive one further e-mail to confirm that he has marked down that you do not wish to receive e-mail from him.

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Dear Jolyon Jackson,

**RE Consultation on further draft recommendations for Birmingham – Birmingham Selly Oak constituency**

Further to my letter of 4 February, I am writing in response to the publication of the Boundary Commission’s further draft recommendations on 10 May 2016. I am writing as the MP for Birmingham Selly Oak constituency with comments focusing on my constituency.

I understand under the further recommendations the proposals for the current Billesley 3 member ward remain largely the same as they did in the previous proposals. I am pleased to see the inclusion of the ‘Vimy Triangle’ in the proposed Billesley ward, this small area was previously part of Billesley ward before the last boundary review and people living there do regard themselves as Billesley residents.

In respect to the current 3 member Brandwood ward, I note you have replaced the proposed 1 member Brandwood ward in favour of a very large 2 member ‘Kings Heath’ ward. I do have concerns that the name Brandwood has been completely omitted from this new ward configuration. Early records indicate that Brandwood and Brandwood End have their origins as early as 1638 where records document Brandwood House, now known as the 202 (Midlands) Field Hospital. Brandwood End Cemetery was opened in 1899 and is now listed as Grade II reflecting its historical value. Further to these historical connections to the place ‘Brandwood’, our local community centre ‘Brandwood Centre’ on Allens Croft Road is well-known and well-used and very much lies within the heart of Brandwood. I would suggest that the Boundary Commission rename their 2 member ‘Kings Heath’ ward to ‘Brandwood and Kings Heath’ to reflect the different communities this new ward will encompass.

I understand the proposed 1 member ‘Monyhull’ ward remains largely the same as previous proposals. However, I am very concerned that the Boundary Commission did not take my previous concerns into account about the naming of this ward. As previously explained the projected electorate for Druids Heath based on the Boundary Commissions predictions will be 4,313 by 2021, while the population of Monyhull Grange estate is predicted to reach 895 electors by 2021. Many of my constituents in this area would say they lived in Druids Heath and I am not aware that the area ‘Monyhull’, which is largely associated with the old hospital, is locally recognised or used. Druids Heath was first built in the 1960s whereas the Monyhull Grange estate was built in the 2000s.
I hope the Boundary Commission will demonstrate they are not trying to wipe Druids Heath, one of the largest council estates in Europe, off the local government map and rightly change this ward to ‘Druids Heath and Monyhull’.

Turning to the proposals to split the current 3 member Bournville ward into a 1 member ‘Stirchley’ ward and 2 member ‘Bournville & Cotteridge’. The proposal for a 1 member ‘Stirchley’ includes Stirchley Village, which has historic ties to Bournville and the Cadbury family, but also includes the Pineapple Estate area, and an area in Cotteridge. As I have said before, this ward is more than just Stirchley and does bring in small parts of other communities. It may be more appropriate to call this proposed ward ‘Greater Stirchley’ to recognise that while Stirchley Village is part of the ward there are other communities included.

In regards to the proposed 2 member ‘Bournville & Cotteridge’ ward, as I stated in my first submission I have a few concerns about the Commission’s electorate predictions and what has been defined as Bournville and Cotteridge. Firstly, the proposals put forward have included a central area in Selly Oak and the boundary runs along the train line and appears to include the Selly Oak train station in the ward proposals. This area is very distinct from Bournville and Cotteridge and the population is a mix of students and permanent residents. The Masefield Estate in the current Bournville ward is also part of the proposals for this ward. A part of the current Northfield ward has also been added on to the proposed ‘Bournville & Cotteridge’ ward presumably to make up the numbers. Obviously these areas are not part of either the recognised communities of Bournville or Cotteridge. There is already a problem in the area with people thinking the area of Bournville Village or Bournville Trust is the same as the whole of the ward which is called Bournville. Expanding the current ward into Selly Oak and Northfield would compound this problem and could threaten the identity of Bournville Village. Again I think the name of the ward does need revisiting, I suggest ‘Greater Bournville & Cotteridge’.

My main concern about this proposal is that the projected electorate does not seem to account for the development of the Selly Oak Hospital site to be included in a ‘Bournville & Cotteridge’ ward. The polling district CYG had an electorate of 1,726 in 2014 and the predicted electorate for 2021 is 1,942. This is only an increase of 216. The Selly Oak Hospital site is being redeveloped and 650 new houses will be built. This will add a minimum of 1000 more electors by 2021, and I would argue we are likely to see at least 2000 new electors here. This clearly has not been considered. I raised this in my last submission and with your office directly but unfortunately this does not seem to have been addressed at all.
Lastly, I have looked at the proposals for the current Selly Oak ward and I am pleased to see that the well-known community of Selly Oak now figures in the plans for a 2 member 'Weoley & Selly Oak' ward. I understand the proposals for a 2 member 'Bournbrook & Selly Park' ward remain the same, please refer to my last letter for my comments.

I hope you will consider my first letter and further comments when reviewing your updated proposals.

Yours sincerely

Steve McCabe MP
Member of Parliament for Birmingham Selly Oak
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

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

Comment text:
I do not wish my Acocks Green boundary to be changed to the new boundary of Tyseley and Hay Mills

Uploaded Documents:
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Birmingham District

Personal Details:

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

Comment text:

Thank you for responding positively to the numerous objections to the original proposed Moseley ward boundaries. I was very pleased to see the revised Moseley ward encompassing the area we all consider to be Moseley, ie, to include the churches, the Green, the Hospital, the parks, the social and residential areas which all radiate from the heart of Moseley. My only comment on the revised plans published on 20.5.16. relates to Balsall Heath Park which should be included in Balsall Heath ward.

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Personal Details:

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

Comment text:

Some wards will have a single councillors, others will have two councillors. This creates two classes of voter and councillor. Where two councillors are to be elected it becomes a different type of election: voters can choose to split their vote between parties; independents and smaller parties have more chance. Generally (not always) voters have more power in a two-member seat. This in turn affects the candidates’ approach to electioneering. I would argue to have either all two-member wards or all one-member but not a mix of both. Where we do have multi-member wards 'first-2-past-the-post' is the worst way to elect, but we have no choice within the present law. There is a petition calling for a change to allow councils to vary their voting system. I strongly advocate STV as used in Scotland and Northern Ireland for local elections.

Uploaded Documents:

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We are writing to urge support for the above boundary change to be named Yardley East and Yardley West and Stechford.

Sincerely

Joy McGovern and Geoff Edgcumbe

Yardley residents
Consultation on further recommendations for Birmingham City Council

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14. I do not feel in any way part of a Quinton community. We were not consulted when the boundary change was made in 2004, which in itself leads to further feelings of disenfranchisement from the local electoral system.

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Yours faithfully,

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

11 June 2016

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7. When updates arrive from Quinton ward councillors, they rarely ever relate to our Close or Tennal Road. We don't even know where many of the areas under discussion are. I do not know which areas are being referred to when the leaflets talk of Quinton shopping centre. I feel no connection whatsoever to Quinton. I can easily walk into Harborne High Street and regularly do so. It is very difficult to play a full part in the local democratic process when you are alienated from the ward in which you find yourself living, as it was not the area you actually moved into and have lived in for over 30 years. The perception I have is that local councillors have no interest at all in this small part of Quinton and this adds to the feeling of disenfranchisement.

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Yours faithfully,

Mary McHenry
To whom this may concern,

I am writing to object to the proposed changes to the Northfield Ward boundaries. I would not like to see St Laurence schools or Victoria Common to be in an electoral ward with Cotteridge and Stirchley. My home, the school and the Common are currently within the Northfield Ward and I would like that to continue.

Many Thanks

Mrs Meara

Sent from Alto - altomail.com
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

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

Comment text:

I strongly disagree that the name North Edgbaston should be used. The area only contains a small part of Edgbaston - the rest of which is made up of Ladywood, Harborne and Soho. Please reconsider the name for this area. It does not resemble Edgbaston at all.

Uploaded Documents:

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Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: ian metcalfe
E-mail: [Obfuscated]
Postcode: [Obfuscated]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:
I am a owner occupier on wentworth road in Harborne and strongly object to any planned boundary changes between Harborne and Quinton

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
Dear Mr. Cooper,

Many thanks for the information in respect of the proposed changes to the Hall Green Council Ward.

I certainly agree with the recommendations of creating 'Hall Green North' and 'Hall Green South' Greens.

The huge number of people who came into contact with support the idea, so with luck it will come to pass.

All the Best

1st June 16
Thank you for considering the views of the people from Moseley in the Boundary review. I would say that the revisions are an improvement on the original proposal and better reflect the local community. I also accept the proposal to make Moseley a two-councillor ward although I believe that this will place enormous pressure on those councillors. We currently have three councillors who seem to have an impossible workload.

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

8th June 2016

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Yours faithfully,
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Jennifet Miller
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I am in agreement with the new proposed boundary for Vesey ward. Thank you for listening to the views of local people.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Professor Martin Miller
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

Thank you for redefining Moseley to include the whole of the village. A good example of a governing body responding to the previously expressed reasoned arguments of residents. Moseley was mentioned in the Domesday Book and so should have its integrity and heritage retained.

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Dear Madam or Sir

I welcome the fact that the Boundary Commission acknowledges the existence of Balsall Heath. However I object to the area being split in two. My reasons for this are:

1. The whole area of Balsall Heath has a very long-established and clear identity. On that basis there is a Neighbourhood Plan which 2,500 people turned out to vote for. The plan will be much more difficult to implement if Balsall Heath is split in half. It will also be more complicated for the council, reducing the effectiveness of public administration.

2. During the last 40 years, the community of Balsall Heath has worked hard to make the area a better place to live, work and grow up. In doing so, it has reinforced the sense of community identity and unity. This has been made possible by services and community organisations working with and for the whole area.

I urge you to revisit your proposals to avoid this area being split in two which would be detrimental to all of us who live here.

Regards

Judith Millington
From: Richard Mills
Sent: 05 June 2016 14:38
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: Election Boundaries Commission

Hello,

Please note that, at I and my family wish to be in the Harborne Ward, rather than the Quinton Ward.

Yours,

Richard W. Mills.
P.S. In the leaflet, effected should be affected.
From: Susan.Mitchell@skanska.co.uk
Sent: 07 June 2016 14:02
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: HARBORNE BOUNDARY
Importance: High

Sir/Madam

My neighbourhood is currently assigned to the Quinton ward.

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I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully
A S Hobbs (Mrs)
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Sadiqali Mohamed-Hussain
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: Sarehole Residents

Comment text:

Dear Sir/Madam. As a Sarehole Resident of Burke Avenue, we have 42 houses in our area which are divided into 2 different wards Moseley & Sparkhill. Our neighbours are confused that which area they belong to, who is our Counselor & which MP to contact as our area MP when needed. Although we all are using all the facilities of Moseley Area. So I humbly request you to mark Green Road, Gracewell Road, Keel Drive & Burke Avenue in Moseley Area, so we all neighbours togetherly support each other with our needs, problems in the area & build a Prospective & Sustainable Community in our Area. Hope you will consider on our Proposal. Thanking you in Advance for your Support. Sadiqali Mohamed-Hussain.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
The Review Officer
(Birmingham)

Dear Sir,

Re: the Moseley/Sparkhill Boundary

I was appalled by the proposal to split the Green Road community into 2 halves by drawing the boundary down the centre of Green Road.

I was born in Sparkbrook in 1924 & lived there for 25 years. As a lad I used to come to play in the ford in Green Road and later went to Moseley Secondary (now Grammaid) School.

I have lived in Kelb Drive for nearly 50 years, and have seen all the local developments, this proposal is the worst in my view.

Please adjust the boundary to keep us in Moseley.

Yours faithfully
Dear Sirs

I have been informed that you are intending to move my address, [REDACTED], into the Pype Hayes ward, which I am not at all happy about.

You moved our address from Sutton Coldfield to Erdington which greatly reduced the value of our houses and now you intend to move it to Pype Hayes. I would like a reply to this email explaining to me as to why this is happening.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Moore

Sent from my iPad
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Keith Morby
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:
Hello... I live at [redacted] I am writing to register my disapproval of the proposed boundary changes involving my house. I fully agree with the the arguments put forward to you by the councillors Alden, Beauchamp, and Moore, and wish my house to remain in the Erdington ward. Yours, K. Morby.

Uploaded Documents:
None Uploaded
Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: ELECTORAL REVIEW OF BIRMINGHAM: FURTHER DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Thank you for your letter dated 12th February 2016.

We are writing to you in regards to your acknowledgement of our views which have been noted. We will be viewing the website in relation to all the submissions.

We wish to stress that we do not want any of our response made public. We do not want our name, postal address, email address, signatures of phone numbers given out.

We are both of the same opinion to remain in the Hall Green Boundary. The reasons for remaining in the Hall Green Boundary is that our house prices would decrease, our insurance would increase and it would cost a lot of money to change the boundaries.

We wish to stress that Hall Green is a residential area and all residents get on well and want this to remain.

We also had a say to remain in the Hall Green area in previous correspondence we sent in.

We look forward to receiving a copy of the Commission’s report detailing its recommendations.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Ms Andrew Morgan  
Mrs M.E.Morgan

5th June 2016
Dear Sirs,

I agree with the revised boundary changes for the Moseley ward.

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

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,
Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to thank you for the alterations you have made to the Birmingham boundaries, especially those for the Moseley area. I am in full support of your revised proposals.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: katalya moxham-atkin
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

I think the proposed wards are madness, and make no sense. I understand changes need to be made but having certain places with the name of their current area 'moved' to different areas really doesn’t make sense and is confusing. This needs to be taken into consideration.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

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

Comment text:

The proposed name for Heartlands Ward has no link with the area defined by the boundary change. The area, as can be seen on your map, is for the vast majority of the area called Little Bromwich, the next geographical component is called Slum Rock. The area has been called Little Bromwich back to the days Birmingham became a city. The only reference to Heartlands in part of the ward towards one of its boundaries, is to the Hospital, that until recent years was called East Birmingham Hospita, the name changed under a rebranding exercise as the hospital had a reputation amongst the local community. Heartlands as a name was applied to another area of the city that covered parts of today's Ladywood and Nechells Wards, during the time of a regeneration zone. In fact the large secondary school was renamed Heartlands. Local people will have no connection with the proposed new name of Heartlands Ward and I suggest that the ward be called Little Bromwich Ward.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
Dear Mark Cooper
Please find attached my submission in respect of the Consultation which closes on 20 June.
Let me know if there are any problems with the transmission in terms of text etc clarity. (E&OE)
Kind regards
David Murray
BIRMINGHAM ELECTORAL REVIEW
FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS
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SUBMISSION BY DAVID MURRAY
Lib Dems Policy Chair, West Midlands Regional Executive
1. Balsall Heath, Sparkbrook, Sparkhill, Springfield, and Moseley wards

Balsall Heath Forum accept that the area within their Neighbourhood Plan is too large for a 1-member ward, but too small for a 2-member ward. But they are not happy with the latest proposal, which puts a lot of this Plan area into the LGBCE’s 2-member Sparkbrook ward.

So the logical solution is for the LGBCE to create a 2-member ward based on the existing Sparkbrook ward, rather than creating a new Sparkbrook 2-member ward with areas to the south of the existing Sparkbrook boundary, more properly associated with Sparkhill.

It is noted that the junction of Walford Road and Highgate Road with the Stratford Road is accepted as the southern boundary of Sparkbrook itself, suggesting that the area to the south of that is not part of the Sparkbrook community as it is understood by the residents; and the area south of the Highgate Road is recognised as being part of Balsall Heath. Creating a 2-member ‘Balsall Heath & Sparkbrook’ ward combines the two satisfactorily.

Even with the CHK polling district given back to Edgbaston, to compensate for its return of electors between Harborne Park Road and Metchley Lane to Harborne ward, the existing ward is still too large for a 2-member ward. It is proposed that the DDI and most of the DDE polling districts form part of a new Sparkhill ward with the ‘other half’ of the LGBCE’s Sparkbrook ward. The DDD area round Balsall Heath Park would go back to Balsall Heath.

In order to include this area in the Balsall Heath & Sparkbrook ward, the boundary between Balsall Heath and Sparkhill has been drawn down the western boundary of DDE (Ladypool Road) as far as Clifton Road, then SE down that road to the junction with Stoney Lane, then back westwards along Taunton Road, and southwards to the east of Balsall Heath Park, and to the rear of properties in Dennis Road. See the map of this area.

The part of DDD that was claimed for Moseley was the top end of Anderton Park Road, with its associated streets of Cadbury Road, Dennis Road south of the school, part of Birchfield Crescent, the north side of Woodstock Road, and the west side of Yardley Wood Road between the two. That area should remain as part of the 2-member Moseley ward.

The LGBCE had already split polling district DEB to create its Sparkhill South ward in the First Draft Recommendations. It is proposed that this boundary is extended northwards to lie between Adria Road and Doris Road, which also coincides with the junction between Stoney Lane and Yardley Wood Road opposite the end of Anderton Park Road. This makes it a recognisable boundary between the 2-member Sparkhill ward to the north, and the proposed 1-member Springfield ward to the south, retaining the existing ward name with its strong local connections. See the proposed boundary in green on the LGBCE map.

On the south-east side of the new Sparkhill ward, it is proposed that the boundary proceeds along the clearly-defined Formans Road to Reddings Lane, and then northwards along the existing boundary of the CAA polling district, and then follows the railway sidings northwards at the rear of Roma Road to the Small Heath boundary with the River Cole, instead of cutting across the lines half-way along. At the same time, the part of CAA allocated to Hall Green North (117 electors) should be returned to CAA along with the other 52+7 electors, so that the whole of CAA becomes part of the Tyseley & Hay Mills ward, increasing its electorate marginally from 8,153 to 8,329. Hall Green North would be reduced from 16,951 to 16,834, but it would create a far more logical and recognisable boundary, and keep the area between Percy Road and Reddings Lane in Sparkhill.
Apart from this minor change to the boundary with Tyseley & Hay Mills and Hall Green North, the three wards of Balsall Heath & Sparkbrook (2), Sparkhill (2), and Springfield (1) fit within the boundaries of the three wards proposed in the Further Recommendations, to satisfy Balsall Heath, which found the LGBCE’s single-member ward unacceptable.

A number of adjustments are suggested to the boundary of these wards with Moseley, and these relate to the original submission from the Moseley community, which has been largely met in the revised proposals. In the south-east, there are two cul-de-sacs and some houses on the north side of Green Road that have not been included in the Moseley ward. It would be logical to include these, as they would otherwise have no separate access to the proposed Springfield ward, except via Moseley ward to the south of them.

The small group of houses (213-247) opposite St Bernard’s Catholic Primary School in Wake Green Road strongly believe that they should be part of the Moseley ward too, with its boundary passing in front of them on its way to Green Road. This would only add 42 electors to the Moseley total, still leaving it well below the maximum, and keeping the proposed single-member Springfield ward above the minimum.

It could also be argued that Sarehole Mill and Recreation Ground should be included in the Moseley ward, as indicated on the original map submitted by the Moseley community. It would keep the River Cole as the boundary between Moseley and Hall Green, as it is the boundary northwards between Springfield and Hall Green currently. The river would provide a clear and identifiable natural boundary. To the south it forms the boundary between the Billesley and Hall Green wards. It would not affect the overall electorate either side of the river, but would be an appropriate addition to Moseley ward on the west side.

2. The Harborne boundary with Quinton

In my previous submission to the LGBCE on the Draft Recommendations, I had suggested that the western boundary of Harborne be adjusted to align with the B32 postcode boundary to the east of Queen’s Park Road, keeping all of the B32 area in Quinton. I argued that this small correction would even up the electorates between the two, and remove a ‘kink’ in the LGBCE’s proposed boundary.

Since then the LGBCE has boosted the Harborne electorate above the maximum +10% of the Birmingham average, by adding back in the electors between Harborne Park Road and Metchley Lane (which Harborne claimed as its own) as well as the Wentworth Way area south of the golf course, without making any other adjustment to reduce the overall total.

Transferring this projecting part of the CLD polling district on the west of Queen’s Park to Quinton would increase its electorate by 392 to 16,143 and reduce Harborne’s total by the same amount to 17,440. This is just 8.3% above the Birmingham average and in range. These electors would have more in common with the people in the CXE polling district to the south, than the Harborne community to the east of Queen’s Park; and it straightens up the boundary at the same time, in line with the new northern section along Balden Road.

3. The Longbridge & Rubery Rednal name

This should be changed to just Longbridge, with its historical connections, or Longbridge & Rednal. Bromsgrove has both Rubery North and Rubery South wards just outside the City boundary, so it would be cumbersome to include the Rubery name in this ward as well.
4. The Birchfield question with Aston

The LGBCE map of the Aston ward provided with the Draft Recommendations (4 of 77) & the map of the Lozells ward (34 of 77) quite clearly show the Birchfield name in the Aston ward, and not in the LGBCE’s Birchfield ward to the west.

It is one of the few areas in Birmingham where there are compelling reasons to address this anomaly, although there are several others where single-member wards would offer an advantage in terms of both community identity, and effective and convenient local government.

In relation to the Technical Guidance “desirability of fixing boundaries which are and will remain easily identifiable” a Birchfield East ward could use the B4140 Witton Road as its boundary with Aston rather than the boundary of the polling district CBG shown dotted on the attached Appendix 5 map with this submission. The part of polling district CBH south-east of the Witton Road could be left in Aston to balance the loss further south.

Of course, the two 1-member Birchfield wards could be combined as a 2-member ward, but the busy Birchfield Road between them would act as a barrier, and it would suggest that the areas east and west of this road would be better represented by 1-member wards.

With the addition of the 2,304 electors in Perry Barr polling districts CWI & CWJ being added to Aston by the LGBCE, a 1-member Aston would not be left short by the creation of a 1-member Birchfield East ward, but would recognise their separate communities. It is to be hoped that this improvement will be included in the Final Recommendations.

5. The Glebe Farm & Tile Cross sausage

Criticism of this long narrow ward has been raised in previous submissions. Although the LGBCE can claim it does not divide communities, it certainly includes a lot of them, and calls into question the effective and convenient local government of this area. A part of the Alum Rock/Ward End area to the west, then Stechford, Glebe Farm, Lea Hall, Kitt’s Green, and Tile Cross in the east. I believe there is a sensible division of this ward into two 1-member wards along the line suggested by local resident Kathryn Alvis in an earlier submission (qv). No convincing argument has been provided for rejecting this proposal.

6. Hob Moor Road boundary

This has been raised before, but there have probably been other pressing priorities which have prevented attention being given to creating boundaries that are clear, and will remain easily identifiable. It would help if the junction between Heartlands/Small Heath, and Yardley West & Stechford/Tyseley & Hay Mills used Hob Moor Road as their boundary.

7. Changes supported

It was good to see the historical names of Vesey and Trinity retained for two of the Sutton Coldfield wards. Also, the recognition of the Jewellery Quarter, and North Edgbaston ward.

8. Conclusion

In general it is a pity that more single-member wards have not been created, where it has been suggested in previous submissions – like separating Weoley and Selly Oak, rather than just adding the names together. However, good luck with your future deliberations.
Appendix 1: Map of the proposed boundary in red of the 2-member Balsall Heath & Sparkbrook ward
Appendix 2: Map of the proposed boundary in green of the 2-member Sparkhill ward on LGBCE’s map
Appendix 3: Map of the proposed boundary in red of the 1-member Springfield ward and surroundings
Appendix 4: Map of the proposed B32 boundary adjustment in green between Harborne & Quinton.
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross is a long narrow ward, combining a mix of communities north of the Birmingham Loop railway.

It can be split as shown into two single-member wards, along the boundary proposed by local resident Kathryn Alvis.
Appendix 7: DM list

Alternative SE wards

Balsall Heath and Sparkbrook (2)

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Notes:
A single-member Balsall Heath ward is not good, as it does not include a substantial part of Balsall Heath to the east of the Moseley Road, and south of Highgate Road.
A far better solution is for Balsall Heath to be a 2-member ward with most of the Sparkbrook ward as it is now, giving it an electorate of 16,723 & keeping almost all Balsall Heath in the ward.

The 1,003 CHK electors can return to Edgbaston, now that some on the W of Edgbaston have been given back to Harborne.

DEB is split between the Adria & Doris Roads, down Showell Green Lane & Park Rd to give similar electors for each councillor into Sparkhill and Springfield wards.

An improved boundary is being suggested for the N of Billesley ward, to make Wheeiler’s Lane the boundary as far as the Alcester Road, and include this bit of CDA in the King’s Heath ward.

The 2-member Moseley ward, as now proposed, is almost exactly what the community wanted. There remain two areas where an improvement could be made at this stage. One is to address the requested split of the polling district DDD as it is shown here. The other is to include Keel Drive and Burke Avenue, the two cul-de-sacs north of Green Road, into the Moseley ward. The DEI figure has been adjusted to add these 58 electors.
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Rory Murray
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

I am writing to state my approval for the revised Moseley ward, as it now has 2 councillors. I find this to be far more democratic than a single seat ward. The UK has moved towards proportional representation in recent decades (e.g. European Elections), and so I see single seat wards as a retrograde step. For this reason, I strongly object to what appear to be single seat wards in other parts of the city (e.g. Baksall Heath).

Uploaded Documents:

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Good afternoon

I wish to put on record that I want to remain in the Harborne Ward. The changes will have significant changes, in terms of house prices, which I’m sure if you were in a similar situation, you would oppose.

My address is:

Regards

Stuart Murray
Hello,

I am very happy with your new draft for the boundaries of moseley and I hope that you get a good response for it. Personally I think that sarehole mill could be in moseley and balsall heath park should be in balsall heath but aside from this it is pretty much spot on and all we could hope for. I’m glad that you listened to the concerns of the people of the area and I hope that everything goes well with the rest of the electoral review.

Thanks for your good work.

Regards

Chris Murtagh
Dear Sirs

we were made aware of the Boundary Review taking place following the ousting of Albert Bore, As an organisation we consulted our members, Our Members in Washwood Heath, where we are based.

Our member support a single elected member for the Alum Rock and Saltley wards that are to be created in 2018. They have raised concerns over the way politics is done in the area and the oversea's political involvement and the ability of the representatives, i.e elected members struggle to speak English or read/write English.

Yours
Mustapha
Birmingham District

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E-mail: [redacted]
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This would be a complete waste of time and money. Keep birmingham in one piece like the people want!

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