Local Residents A submissions to the Birmingham City Council electoral review

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Personal Details:

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

Comment text:

The latest draft is more better than previous one, this looks more sensible as Old yardley is still in Yardley.

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Dear Sirs

I have just submitted a response on behalf of the Moseley Society in support of the combined response from our community. We are all very grateful that our responses made in February have been listened to.

In the 1980s, when The Moseley Society had just started and I was the Assistant Secretary, I lived at Birches Close, off School Road. I see it has been included in the new Kings Heath Ward. It will be an outlier – a tiny part of B13 included in with B14 postcodes.

Birches Close is at the highest point around and feels like part of Moseley as it is more level with Greenend Road, Elmfield Crescent etc. Anyone who walks, rides a bicycle or pushes a child in a buggy knows where the levels change. One of my sons used to look out of the windows of our house and tell us that, travelling due east, the next highest point would be the Urals. I can’t say I’ve made the journey to check. However I do know that the neighbouring roads which will be in Kings Heath Ward, and which have B14 postcodes (Ashfield Road etc.) are much lower. In this part of Moseley the watershed feels like the natural boundary. I hope the line can be drawn to include Birches Close, Birmingham 13, in with the rest of Moseley Ward.

Being such a tiny cul-de-sac the Combined Community group decided not to raise Birches Close with you – but because I used to live there, and the Society has members living there, I thought I should raise it personally.

Yours faithfully

Fiona Adams
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

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Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name: Returning Customer

Comment text:

I fully support the revised proposals for a 2 councillor Moseley Ward, which now takes into account the comments made and includes the central Moseley area.

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The Review Officer (Birmingham)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
14th Floor Millbank Tower
Millbank
London
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12th June 2016

Sir or Madam,

Consultation on further recommendations for Birmingham City Council

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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.

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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,

[Signature]

Keith Adams
Dear Sir,

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With best regards,

[Signature]
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

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

Comment text:

I approve this revision. It is good to see that the commission listens to the voices of the people. The original proposals did not reflect the local realities - this one does.

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[Signature]

Mrs. C. V. A. Addison

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Mr. J. E. Addison
Is this a Joke?

First you published a outline of the Alum Rock and Saltley area proposed review, then with back hander meetings and pressure possibly from Liam Byrne, your outline for the wards have changed.

You propose to join up Alum Rock and Saltley, where English is not spoken at all, very little is discussed about the Election process, people vote on family lines and on the Clan system.

Local Politicians encourage that, Alum Rock and Saltley has the highest unemployment in the City, low achieving Schools, Trojan Horse is a perfect example, where Political gathering by the mainstream Political Party encourages segregation of Man and Women.

Would it not be sensible to have Separate WARDS for Alum Rock and Saltley with single Councillor representing each ward. if the Review body really wants a challenge and make a difference for the local community split Alum Rock and Saltley in 2 wards and different Areas. I'll let you draw the borders on common sense and fair play, Nechells is an option, Erdington or even Bordesley Green.

Hakil Ahmed
Dear Sir

We bought our current family house in Harborne Birmingham about 2 years ago. I paid high price for this house because it is in Harborne. I have recently found out that there are proposals to transfer our road from Harborne to Quinton Ward where average house prices are lower compared to Harborne. If these proposals are accepted and our road is transferred to Quinton ward there will be a significant impact on the value of our house and it might go into negative equity. Our road has always been a part of Harborne and there is no valid reason that it should be transferred to Quinton.

As far as I know majority of our neighbours are in favour of keeping Croftdown road in Harborne ward and they will be writing to express their views as well. I shall be grateful if you can consider my request sympathetically and keep Croftdown Road as a part of Harborne ward.

Kind Regards

Dr Nadeem Ahmed

Concerned resident of

Copy of this e mail to Ms Gisela Stuart MP for information and hope that she will kindly support my plea and will write to Local Government Boundary commission as well. Thanks
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Shakil Ahmed
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:
I welcome the new Ward but would just like a bit of tweaking round the edges.

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From: Tabish Ahmed
Sent: 15 June 2016 17:51
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: B5 Edgbaston Residents Group - Birmingham

To whom it may concern

Please see attached a completed form. My property was part of Edgbaston when we bought it and has since dropped in value because of the area boundary being changed.

I have always regarded as being part of the Edgbaston area and hope our boundary will be corrected!

Kind regards
Dr Ahmed
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Omotoyosi Ajimoko
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name:

Comment text:

My postcode is [REDACTED] I wasn’t happy about the change in boundary and it looks like the only thing that has changed in this new proposal is the change of name from summerfield to north Edgbaston. I remain concerned about the impact on my house value from no longer being in Harborne ward and as I only recently bought, as a first time buyer in an expensive sellers market, this is very concerning to me.

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Personal Details:

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

Comment text:

Hi I have previously commented on this. I do not feel that having a big ward for washwood heath will be a good thing. Initially I was concerned about the split but since have come to realise that splitting the washwood heath would be a good idea. It will make it better and more transparent. It will give other community members the opportunity to stand as candidates at elections, which at the moment is not happening as the ward is dominated by family related (baraderi) politics. This issue is very bad in washwood heath and the idea of a split ward is very good. I hope that this will still go ahead.

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Personal Details:

Name: Mohammed Akram

Comment text:
I am a hard working tax payer. I have lived on green road Mosley for the past 20 years, we have always been under Moseley and would like it to remain as Moseley, what good will come out of it being registered as spark hill I don't know, but I do know as far as I am concerned the value of my property will prober my fall, as a tax payer i am not happy with this new proposal.

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Personal Details:

Name: Bobby Alden
E-mail: [Redacted]
Postcode: [Redacted]
Organisation Name: [Redacted]

Feature Annotations

Annotation 1: Erdington Ward
Annotation 2: The western border of Erdington Ward until 2004. Historically this is the border of Erdington and Perry Common.
Annotation 3: The Erdington parish Border. This border is as important to residents of Erdington as the Sutton border is to residents of Sutton Coldfield.
Annotation 4: Last copy of Erdington Coat of Arms, would be a disgrace for this to be removed from Erdington Ward!
Annotation 5: The Yenton, Erdington. This is a well used pub by the Erdington Community and is clearly known and listed as being in Erdington.
Annotation 6: Support the revised border the commission have suggested on Holly Lane this respects historical and Parish boundaries.
Annotation 7: Perry Common
Annotation 8: Pype Hayes
Annotation 9: Josiah Mason Statue
Annotation 10: Jag factory, this could be in Pype Hayes or Castle Vale and it would fit with the community given both areas have
connections to the factory. However it has nothing to do with Gravelly Hill and should not be in that Tyburn ward

Comment text:

Dear Commission, My wife and I have lived in our current home in Orchard Road, Erdington since 2007. Prior to that my family has been involved in the Erdington Community on and off since the 70's while my wife's family lived in Erdington for over 40 years. Both ourselves and our family have been horrified to see the original proposals to break up the Erdington area. While it was pleasing to see the commission return many of the historic parts of Erdington to the Erdington Ward, it is disgraceful the commission is still proposing the break up of the traditional parish border with Sutton and the removal of the historic Coat of Arms from the Erdington Ward is heart breaking for our community. Erdington, first mentioned in the Doomsday Book, has grown from a small hamlet on modern day Station Road area to a thriving urban village. The community grew around the Victorian train line that was put in by the urban district Council. This led to a housing boom which saw the creation of all the Victorian red brick housing from Norfolk/Somerset Road past the station down to the area round Edwards Road and Orchard Road where we live. Our community is the sort of place where you can walk down the street and everyone says hello to each other and looks out for their neighbours. There is a real pride in our area based on the huge history and listed buildings that we have which form the heart of our community. Residents gain a real sense of pride and respect from our shared community and heritage. Therefore I ask the commission to please further amend them as above to ensure that the Erdington community is kept united and together, to preserve our great community atmosphere. All through the year Erdington gathers together as a community to hold various events for Christmas, Summer fairs, Easter, Halloween. These events take place in the local churches, on Jarvis Road, Station Road and High Street, on the High Street, and at the Douay Road Scouts (they back onto the old tram terminus) where the annual local Horticultural show is held. I have also included on the map the natural communities for the Perry Common, Pype Hayes. These areas are well known to the local communities and are easily identifiable. Finally I would just like to again urge the commission to save our home and community by keeping the historic Erdington together Yours sincerely Bobby

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Dear Commission,

The area above is the clear Erdington community that residents identify. I therefore ask that you amend the proposals to be the above instead. All of this area has been in an Erdington Ward since 1911, when Birmingham absorbed Erdington. There is nothing that has been left out of this area that has been Erdington for that length of time. Therefore it is clear this is the area that should be used to form the Erdington area. The area north of the Chester Road which has been left out is clearly Erdington, the Yenton pub is Erdington and the whole area is part of the Erdington Parish for St Barnabas Church and so must remain in Erdington Ward. I have also marked the rail line in Stockland Green/Gravelly Hill area. This is clearly a barrier between communities and should be the border. I have attached photos to show this point. thanks Louise

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Pictures showing the railway line between Stockland Green and Gravelly Hill
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Personal Details:

Name: Terence Aldridge
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I have been in this area since 1972 and I have a excellent Councillor in Derdre Alden she has been a godsend to me. I wish to have the right to vote for her, witch means staying in the same Electoral area. I don't understand why you have to mess with things that are not driven by the Electorate. There must be more important things for you to do. Yours Sincerely T E Aldridge

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The election boundary commission :-

I have serious reservations about my house belonging to The Quinton Ward, as opposed to Harborne ward as at present. The house prices will be affected by this, as there is a marked difference between Harborne and Quinton house prices.

I would be grateful if my house stays belonged to Harborne ward.

Thank you

Dr Abad Ali ,

Sent from my iPhone
To Whom it may concern,

As a resident of Moseley Postcode B13, I would like to forward my concerns for the proposal of boundary changes in our local ward.

As previously highlighted by our local community representatives I would like to reinitialise the main points of objection to the boundary Commissions Proposals.

Boundary lines for the ward have been drawn through Green road, dividing our community.

People who have built community relations, interests and outlook based on their geographical location are potentially going to be segmented into different wards. Being part of the Moseley ward we are a community with cultural heritages built over years within the local vicinity and do not want to lose something that has taken years to build.

We share a neighbourhood watch and work together to prevent and control anti-social behaviour in the area.

The river Cole divides Mosely (B13) and Hallgreen (B28), due the ford the exit from surrounding roads is taken through Green Road.

In addition there is many historical links associated to the Moseley ward, a fine example being JRR Tolkien.

I would be grateful if your could reconsider your proposal based on the facts brought forward by the local community.
Regards

I. Ali

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-----Original Message-----
From: Shazia Ali
Sent: 08 June 2016 18:43
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: Boundary changes in Harborne TO Quinton

Dear sir/ madam

I am not in favour of the new boundary changes. What is the need to change it for? I, aswell as my family, want to remain in the Harborne ward.

Thank you

Kind regards
Shazia Ali
Sent from my iPhone
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

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

Comment text:

The surrounding area of moseley school should be included in the moseley ward, tenby road should be included in the moseley ward not the sparkhill ward. This is outright injustice, why are you making the residence of tenby road, college road, dovey road and springfield road, suffer with higher car insurance premiums. Only because of this ridiculous boundary change. I would like to know what the need is for the boundary change, i cannot fathom a justifiable reason for these changes. If the commission are happy to pay the extra for the insurance premium, then i have no objections to this change. If not please give me a full explanation for the need to change the boundaries. I await your response.

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If the proposed boundary changes happen, Erdington Station, Erdington Abbey and some of the oldest building from the original village will no longer be in the Erdington Ward. Clearly those making these proposals don't live in what the local people call Erdington Village.
Dear Sir.

Concerning the proposed changes to electoral boundaries. I would like to express my wish to be a part of the Harborne ward in Birmingham.

My address is [redacted]

Yours sincerely,

Philip Anderton.
You say of Weoley Ward .... During the consultation we received over 30 submissions that commented on our proposed Weoley ward. You say nothing about the objections that I know you received and ignored. You say of Allens Cross Having considered the submissions received we are content that our proposed ward strikes a good balance between our statutory criteria in this area. We therefore do not propose any amendments to Allens Cross ward under our further draft recommendations. ... I beg to differ and challenge your assertion of a "good balance" to be wholly wrong, How many submissions did you actually get?? and were any in favour? so what’s the point of this latest consultation if you say "no amendments". This is a done deal. A forgone conclusion it always was from day one. A cynical mathematical exercise because that is the only criteria you have met. You say Allens Cross ward is bounded by the A38 to the east and by Shenley Lane to the north. This is incorrect as its bounded by the A38 to the south and Shenley Lane to the east. This shows you do not know or are unaware of our area !!! so what confidence can we have in the LGBC?. You can’t even get the basic location description correct.You say...Before finalising the recommendations, the Commission will consider every representation received during consultation whether it is submitted by an individual, a local group or an organisation. We will weigh each submission against the criteria the Commission must follow when drawing up electoral arrangements:-To deliver electoral equality where each city councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the city. Surely then, if the LGBC truly wanted to “provide for effective and convenient local government,” LGBC should expect the same councillor to resident ratio as other West Midlands areas which is far lower then the 7,000 figure you quote. You say...That the pattern of divisions should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities. Well your Allens Cross ward does not fit the criteria. See below... Shenley Fields Fields History The Bournville Estate built mainly from 1900 to the 1950’s but still being built to the present day is sited four miles south-west of Birmingham and covers approximately 1000 acres, There are 8,000 houses of mixed tenure on the Estate which is home to about 25,000 people. An estimated 80% of residents are owner occupiers and each property attracts an annual BVT management charge payable to the Bournville Village Trust,(BVT) The charge contributes towards the cost of maintenance, community and development on the Estate. The Bournville Village Trust (BVT) was created in 1900. The Trust Deed was a foresighted document, setting out the objectives of the Founder, but allowing today’s Trustees effective control of the Village. George
Cadbury's vision in 1901 was of a mixed community and Bournville was conceived for people from a wide range of backgrounds. Many have credited the model village with laying the foundations for the development of garden cities and introducing the benefits of open space into modern town planning. Bournville has a long history that is steeped in a reputation for high quality housing, shared community values, and estate management services and the Trust's vision is to create and sustain flourishing communities where people choose to live.

Building new homes and adopting a pioneering approach to the environment remain important priorities for BVT. (I suggest you look at their website for more information and history) Allens Cross was never ever part of BVT. The draft LGBC proposal ignores the wishes of BVT residents who eloquently told the LGBC several months ago that this boundary alteration was at best ill judged and at worst divisive. Splitting an old and established BVT community apart will I fear destroy it. (see BVT above in yellow letters). Note Allens Cross is completely separate and disconnected from BVT. Location Looking at your proposal which is to put what is known locally as the "Shenley Fields" area, a part of Weoley ward, into a new Allens Cross ward. The Shenley Fields area is the BVT housing area on the western side of Shenley Lane built c. 1955 on the old lower Shenley Farm estate. The mixed housing is part of BVT and located on the BVT owned estate at their Western extremity as can be seen above. Residents look to BVT, and to the east, as their natural community as they have for the last 65 yrs. This is because amongst other things there are physical barriers which stop them going in other directions. To the west, is Ley Hill Park, to the south Meadow Brook Recreation Ground (and Brook) and to the north Shenley Open Space. (outlined in the yellow line above) This means we are only just linked to Allens Cross by one small isolated narrow lane over a narrow bridge. Whereas we are linked to BVT and Shenley Lane (a dual-carriageway) by 2 busy estate roads full of BVT houses and many footways, and a cycleways. Our buses all run along Shenley lane to and from Northfield. BVT Shenley Fields Community The Shenley Field BVT community is involved with BVT events, estate management, community services and resident associations. The BVT Trust produces regular newsletters including an Annual Review Statement, and resident feedback questionnaires. There is a Shenley BVT Residents Association which is open to anyone living on the Shenley estate. The Association provides action and advice on a range of issues and is always looking for ideas and projects to promote and improve the local community. Our children have a choice of schools on the Bournville estate they do not go to Allens Cross.

Our nearest Church is St David's on the Bournville estate, at Shenley Green, along side our local shops. The church was where I was married, my children christened, the church hall hold regular quizzes, dances and plays attended by local Weoley ward residents as well as cubs and scouts (both my children belonged to these) Our Doctors surgery is also on Shenley Green which as well as health training, well being advice, and treating illness also provides a place for pilates bringing people together, as does the mums and toddlers group next door. I also run an active Neighbourhood Watch and there are 3 other active nhw groups within the immediate Shenley area. Many residents have lived on the estate all their working lives (and traditionally at least one member of the household was likely to have worked for Cadbury). The only reason for your proposed new Allens Cross Ward would appear to be a convenient attempt to rebalance average ward size and a neat red line drawn (on the map) down the centre of Shenley Lane. It would not appear in any shape or form to consider a key LGBC requirement namely The pattern of wards should reflect the interests and identities of local communities. You seem to have ignored "the interests and identities of local communities" altogether as our part of Weoley Ward is now dumped into Allens Cross. The BVT estate straddles both sides of Shenley Lane and as a result of your line on a map you have cut off the eastern portion of our community from the western side. This means as we look to BVT and the east as our natural community, for community events, community halls, community newsletters, Neighbourhood Watch support. schools, shops, church. Doctors, car repairs, Policing and our heart is in BVT hence why we chose to live here and not Allens Cross. Many of us belong to the Friends group in Manor Farm Park and /or Ley Hill Park both within the Shenley Fields area of BVT. Both groups are very active through out the year with local community events e.g tree planting, bat watching, pond dipping, bird watching, fauna planting, hedge building etc. working with local schools and residents. We have nothing in common with the Allens Cross area which is a self contained housing estate built as a modern stand alone estate in 1930's well before the BVT Shenley Estate was ever built as a block in the mid 1950's. On this BVT website https://www.bvt.org.uk/ we find out what's going on in our area; how to get involved; how we plan and look after our estate, our community services and resident associations and BVT's community resident project funding programme. I belong to the Shenley Residents Association (I was indeed secretary for many years) which is for everyone who lives on the Shenley estate, whether tenant or home owner. The Residents Association can give you advice on a range of issues and are always looking for ideas and projects to promote and improve the local BVT community and resident involvement.

Our children go to school on the BVT estate not Allens Cross or Bartley Green. Our community halls are both on the east side of Shenley lane (Shenley Court Hall and Shenley Community Association) I have lived on the BVT estate for 40yrs and have never had any community contact with Allens Cross. I have voted as Weoley Ward voter for 30yrs and wonder why now is it proposed that I am represented by a new councillor from Allens Cross with whom I have nothing in common? Even geographically it doesn't make sense. There is a physical barrier (a park and Merrits brook) between us and Allens Cross. I believe there is a strong shared sense of what BVT is, a huge amount of passion and activity around the place – be it historical, cultural, environmental, economic or social – and these proposals threaten to confuse and hinder that. If your proposal goes ahead then I feel disenfranchised. If this movement of the boundary goes ahead then I for one have no interest in voting any more at local elections. Allens Cross means nothing to me. So the Kerslake report, and especially LGBC will have failed me and many other local BVT residents. How much more clearly can I put it! We are a BVT community and have been for over 60 yrs.

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A forgone conclusion I think it always was from day one. Electoral numbers divided by community = result for LGB.

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Oh Dear

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**Location**

Looking at your proposal which is to put what is known locally as the “Shenley Fields“ area, a part of Weoley ward, into a new Allens Cross ward.
The Shenley Fields area is the BVT housing area on the western side of Shenley Lane built c.a. 1955 on the old lower Shenley Farm estate. The mixed housing is part of BVT and located on the BVT owned estate at their Western extremity as can be seen above.

Residents look to BVT, and to the east, as their natural community as they have for the last 65 yrs. This is because amongst other things there are physical barriers which stop them going in other directions. To the west, is Ley Hill Park, to the south Meadow Brook Recreation Ground (and Brook) and to the north Shenley Open Space. (outlined in the yellow line above)

This means we are only just linked to Allens Cross by one small isolated narrow lane over a narrow bridge. Whereas we are linked to BVT and Shenely Lane (a dual-carriageway) by 2 busy estate roads full of BVT houses and many footways, and a cycleways. Our buses all run along Shenley lane to and from Northfield.

**BVT Shenley Fields Community**

The Shenely Field BVT community is involved with BVT events, estate management, community services and resident associations. The BV Trust produces regular newsletters including an Annual Review Statement, and resident feedback questionnaires. There is a Shenley BVT Residents Association which is open to anyone living on the Shenley estate. The Association provides action and advice on a range of issues and is always looking for ideas and projects to promote and improve the local community. Our children have a choice of schools on the Bournville estate they do not go to Allens Cross.

Our nearest Church is St David’s on the Bournville estate, at Shenley Green, along side our local shops. The church was where I was married, my children christened, the church hall hold regular quizzes, dances and plays attended by local Weoley ward residents as well as cubs and scouts (both my children belonged to these)

Our Doctors surgery is also on Shenley Green which as well as health training, well being advice, and treating illness also provides a place for pilates bringing people together, as does the mums and toddlers group next door. I also run an active Neighbourhood Watch and there are 3 other active nhw groups within the immediate Shenley area.

Many residents have lived on the estate all their working lives (and traditionally at least one member of the household was likely to have worked for Cadbury).

The only reason for your proposed new Allens Cross Ward would appear to be a convenient attempt to rebalance average ward size and a neat red line drawn (on the map) down the centre of Shenley Lane. It would not appear in any shape or form to consider a key LGBC requirement namely

**The pattern of wards should reflect the interests and identities of local communities.**

You seem to have ignored "the interests and identities of local communities" altogether as our part of Weoley Ward is now dumped into Allens Cross. The BVT estate straddles both sides of Shenley Lane and as a result of your line on a map you have cut off the eastern portion of our community from the western side.

This means as we look to BVT and the east as our natural community, for community events, community halls, community newsletters, Neighbourhood Watch support, schools, shops, church. Doctors, car repairs, Policing and our heart is in BVT hence why we chose to live here and not Allens Cross.

Many of us belong to the Friends group in Manor Farm Park and /or Ley Hill Park both within the Shenley Fields area of BVT. Both groups are very active through out the year with local community events e.g tree planting, bat watching, pond dipping, bird watching, fauna planting, hedge building etc. working with local schools and residents.

We have nothing in common with the Allens Cross area which is a self contained housing estate built as a modern stand alone estate in 1930's well before the BVT Shenley Estate was ever built as a block in the mid 1950's.

On this BVT website [https://www.bvt.org.uk](https://www.bvt.org.uk) we find out what’s going on in our area; how to get involved; how we plan and look after our estate, our community services and resident associations and BVT’s community resident project funding programme. I belong to the Shenley Residents Association (I was indeed secretary for many years) which is for everyone who lives on the Shenley estate, whether tenant or home owner. The Residents Association can give you advice on a range of issues and are always looking for ideas and projects to promote and improve the local BVT community and resident involvement.
Our children go to school on the BVT estate not Allens Cross or Bartley Green.
Our community halls are both on the east side of Shenley lane (Shenley Court Hall and Shenley Community Association)
I have lived on the BVT estate for 40yrs and have never had any community contact with Allens Cross. I have voted as Weoley Ward voter for 30yrs and wonder why now is it proposed that I am represented by a new councillor from Allens Cross with whom I have nothing in common?
Even geographically it doesn't make sense. There is a physical barrier (a park and Merrritts brook) between us and Allens Cross.
I believe there is a strong shared sense of what BVT is, a huge amount of passion and activity around the place – be it historical, cultural, environmental, economic or social – and these proposals threaten to confuse and hinder that.

If your proposal goes ahead then I feel disenfranchised.
If this movement of the boundary goes ahead then I for one have no interest in voting any more at local elections. Allens Cross means nothing to me. So the Kerslake report, and especially LGBc will have failed me and many other local BVT residents.

How much more clearly can I put it!
We are a BVT community and have been for over 60 yrs. We are not related in any community way or geographically to Allens Cross which to us may as well be on the moon.
I feel very angry that I have to waste time and effort justifying our community to LGBc. We didn’t ask to be reassigned to Allens cross you decided to do that not us!!

I am very happy to meet with you and discuss this with you at any time come and visit us and see on the ground how preposterous your proposal is.

Graham Andrews
Dear Sir

We live on Berwood Farm Road in Wylde Green, B72 1AG and are writing in response to the published ward boundaries.

We are very disappointed to find that the initial proposals are unaltered such that we will be moved to Pype Hayes ward (currently in Erdington ward).

As we explained in our response to the initial consultation, we live in Wylde Green. It is five minutes walk to the high street, that is where we shop, attend church and socialise.

However, if it is not possible for us to be included in Wylde Green ward then we cannot see why we have been moved from Erdington ward to Pype Hayes ward. We have absolutely no connection to Pype Hayes and if you look at the ward boundary on a map we seem to have been bolted on (with only the park to connect us) to make the numbers up.

We understand that there is an established connection between the area we live in the south of Wylde Green to Erdington ward and would ask that this not be disturbed.

We appreciate that you need to make everything balance and consider the bigger picture however understand that our local Councillors have submitted a proposal which covers all this off and improves on a number of issues with the draft boundaries.

Yours faithfully

John and Rachel Angood

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From: "Mayers, Mishka" <mishka.mayers@LGBCE.ORG.UK>
To: "johnangood@yahoo.co.uk" <johnangood@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 May 2016, 16:47
Subject: Electoral Review of Birmingham: Further Draft Recommendations

Dear Mr Angood,

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published further draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Birmingham City Council. Today is the start of a 6 week public consultation on the Commission's further draft recommendations on new electoral division boundaries across Birmingham City Council. The consultation closes on 20 June 2016.

View the new draft recommendations
The Review Officer (Birmingham),
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
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2. Residents and local organisations have retained their association with Harborne; for example, they still use Harborne in their postal addresses.
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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,

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The Review Officer (Birmingham),

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Regina Appadoo (Mrs.)
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Kier Archer

Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Kier Archer
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]

Organisation Name:

Feature Annotations

Map Features:

Annotation 2: Odd numbers of Swanshurst Lane

Comment text:

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Personal Details:

Name: Trevor Archer
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Organisation Name: 
Comment text:

I FEEL THAT MOSELEY WOULD BE MUCH BETTER SERVED AS A TWO COUNCILLOR WARD.

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Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Zahra Asaria
E-mail: [Redacted]
Postcode: [Redacted]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

Hi there I bought a house on Burke avenue due to the connection of great schools in Moseley such as St. Bernard's School, if the split does go ahead then I will not have access to the schools. The 2 sides of green road: Burke Avenue and Keel Drive hold community events during the course of the year, for national celebrations etc, this split would cause a divide in our community. Please look into keeping Burke Avenue and Keel Drive in Moseley. Thank You

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Personal Details:

Name: Julian Atkinson
E-mail: [Redacted]
Postcode: [Redacted]
Organisation Name:

Comment text:

The revised proposals for Moseley Ward are fantastic - thank you! I do wonder why, at the northern fringe, Balsall Heath Park has fallen within Moseley. I wonder if the boundary should run along the back gardens of Birchwood Road, then along the park perimeter, Denis Road Eton Road?

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Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Belinda Ayo
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

We have lived in Harborne for many years - we moved to Ingham Way 2 years ago (downsizing due to ill health). We bought this property on the understanding that it is Harborne / Harborne Ward. We have recently been made aware from a leaflet posted through the door that the election boundaries are under review and that this could impact upon our neighbourhood. I am therefore writing to state very strongly that we want our home to remain in the Harborne Ward B17!

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Personal Details:

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

Comment text:
I would like to keep the banding as they are.

Uploaded Documents:
None Uploaded
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Sabiha Aziz
E-mail: [Redacted]
Postcode: [Redacted]
Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I do not want the new boundaries as I wish to continue living in Acocks Green.

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