Local Residents Q - R submissions to the Birmingham City Council electoral review

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Name: adib qassim
E-mail: [redacted]
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Organisation Name:

Comment text:

hall green wasnt broken, i really dont understand why your doing this. now youve made hall green north part of tyseley and haymills and split it from south. tyseley and haymills are not hall green, who are you trying to fool. keep the old hall green ward and make a new ward for tyseley and haymills (they do fit together).

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Personal Details:

Name: Anne Quirk
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Comment text:
My opinion is that Balden Rd should become part of Harborne Ward

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Personal Details:

Name: Naeem Qureshi
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Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

I wish to endorse the boundary commission for the Sparkbrook Ward. It is clear that the boundary commission has taken the views of the public consultation to ensure the new ward reflects community interests, identities and boundaries that is relevant and fit for purpose. The design and construction of the new ward promotes a fair and balance model to ensure an open and transparent representation of two elected members representing two natural neighbourhoods within the boundary. There has been extensive local consultation and discussions on the new boundary and there is support amongst local residents, resident groups, community organizations and political parties to support the new Sparkbrook Ward I have read the recommendations and reviews presented to the Boundary commission and support their final outcome for the ward of Sparkbrook and will strengthen community development and engagement to create better opportunities for the area. Sparkbrook democracy is one of the strongest across Birmingham with one of the highest turnouts in elections. The proposed ward will increase voter turnout by natural neighbourhoods having greater identity to represent themselves. The new ward of Sparkbrook reflect the interests and identities of our local communities and by its implementation crate stronger communities working together building resilience and strength on the following basis

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Personal Details:

Name: Samiur Rahman
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Postcode: [redacted]
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

I think the whole of Rowlands Road, B26 should fall under the South Yardley ward.

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To whom it may concern

I live on [REDACTED] and I wish to stay in the Harborne Ward. I am really upset with the planned proposal to put our house under the Quinton ward as our property prices will fall and I think that is really wrong. Please keep me up to date with this issue.

Your Sincerely
T S Rai
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

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

Comment text:

I live in Moorcroft Road, Moseley, and wrote to object to the original draft recommendations which, if imposed, would have split our local community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the commissioners for their rethink in the light of public response. The new draft has restored our strong local identity. With many thanks, Dena Rankin

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Personal Details:

Name: subah rasab
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

I believe that it is a terrible idea to split the already existing Balsall Heath areas in half for the following reasons: · There is a recognised Neighbourhood Plan that covers Balsall Heath for which almost 2,500 turned out to vote. · If it Balsall Heath is split in half, will make it harder for voters to implement the plan and more complicated for the Council, reducing the effectiveness of public administration. · Balsall Heath has had a strong identity for hundreds of years. · For 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. The new proposal creates additional problem for Balsall Heath and its residents as key services such as the Balsall Heath Forum and Balsall Heath is our planet are not in Balsall Heath under the proposal. Theses services work for the residents of Balsall Heath and have a history of engaging and supporting residents by them taking responsibility for their area. These services are also places many residents turn to for support, with boundaries for the current Balsall Heath, half of these residents will lose that support simply because their home would come under the Sparkbrook ward in the new proposal. Trust with communities has taken decades to build, this will also be lost if this new proposal to split Balsall Heath in half is implemented. Balsall Heath ward must encompass the current Balsall Heath area, to ensure development, community engagement and delivery of services. Without doing this the development of the area is at risk which will in turn affect the residents and community in a terrible way.

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Personal Details:

Name: Majid Rauf
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 

Feature Annotations

Map Features:

Annotation 1: MajidI propose this area be apart of Hall Green North Ward

Annotation 4: I propose for this area to remain within the Acocks Green Ward

Comment text:

I object with your decision that Studland Road has not remained apart of Hall Green Ward. It is completely unfair that you seemed to accommodate other roads from different wards such Sparkhill - Bromyard Road and Formans Road, that where not within Hall Green ward and made them apart of Hall Green North. However, Studland is a vital part of the Hall Green Ward/community/hertigage and you have exclude this road from the ward. I Proposed for Studland Road and the surrounding roads to be apart of Hall Green North Ward as stated in the map above. It would be a shame for Hall Green Ward to lose some of its vital identity.

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Personal Details:

Name: Rebecca Rawlinson-Cook
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

The renaming of the wards now means that there is less negative impact for those people that would have been in the previously named "Hawkesley" ward. Living in Kings Norton means you should say you're in Kings Norton. I still don't understand why the Council feels the need to separate the wards as I don't think it will make any difference, but that is up to them. It will only become more expensive when the Council are looking to save money.

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Dear Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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

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

Yours Sincerely

David Rees
Dear Sir

I regularly take my grandchildren to the Northfield Victoria Common and was extremely surprised to hear that you are proposing to split it between two electoral wards.

I understand that if someone is only looking at a map a very easy option would be to put a boundary line through the Common. I've lived in my area long enough to know that nothing could be that simple.

A few years ago our local councillors battled for improvements for the Common and we now have a wonderful play area for the children, in addition to the football pitches and tennis court. As well as this we have a picnic area which is enjoyed by many Northfield families. Can you guarantee that if your proposal goes through that the councillors in the two different wards will agree on the maintenance of the Common? How the grass is mowed, the play equipment maintained, will it be a case of you do your side and we’ll do ours? It's a recipe for disaster and I sincerely hope you will reconsider your proposal. Northfield has this one park and it's too important to us to be split in the way you suggest.

Jane Rees
I understand that The Election Boundaries Commission is reviewing the election boundaries, and that some parties are proposing that Gimble Walk be part of the Quinton Ward. I would like my property to stay in the Harborne ward (as it has always been the case)

Elaine Reid
Dear Boundary Commission,

I feel very strongly that I wish the road "Campion Gardens" - where I live - to remain part of the Erdington Ward and not be changed to be added to the Pype Hayes Ward. This is because, from where I live in Campion Gardens, my parish church is in Erdington and I have always gone there, the two high streets that I use are in Erdington and Wylde Green, the library that we use is based in Erdington and our doctor’s surgery is based in Erdington, also our railway station.

Our whole identity and links are with Erdington and this area has always been in Erdington Ward. I strongly do not want to be added to Pype Hayes Ward as we have no connection with that area.

Yours sincerely

B Renfrey.
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Martin Richards
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

Having previously commented on the original proposals on the Electoral review for Birmingham District with respect to the proposed changes to the Moseley Ward. I would now like to congratulate the commission on listening to the local comments and coming up with the new proposals which make far better sense. Thanks Martin Richards

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Dear Sir/Madam

Having recently purchased a property in Trident Court, B32 I would like to comment on the proposed Harborne and Quinton wards.

My neighbourhood is currently assigned to Quinton ward, however, I vehemently feel that we would be more appropriately assigned to Harborne ward instead for the following reasons:

1. My neighbourhood was part of Harborne village before Harborne was annexed into Birmingham in 1891. It remained an integral part of the Harborne ward up till 2004 when it was moved over to the Quinton ward.

2. Residents, and indeed local organisations have retained their association with Harborne. We/they still use Harborne in our postal address.

3. The neighbourhood is adjacent to Harborne Golf Club and is just a short walk to Harborne High Street. This is the closest location for shopping facilities and everyday amenities.

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

5. Chelsea Close, Doulton Close and Minton Road are all accessed from Whelsh Farm Road and are 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. Finally, 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 my cul de sac - Savoy Close and also Copperbeach Close and Rosehead Drive. These are only accessible from Tennal Road and face towards Harborne. Therefore, this arrangement is illogical and would be far better if the whole neighbourhood was in Harborne.

In conclusion, I feel my proposal will be more appropriate for my neighbourhood, and urge you to take my
views into serious consideration.

Yours faithfully

Eleanor V Roberts
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Alex Robertson
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

We live at [REDACTED] Our understanding is that under the new proposal our house will be moved from the Harborne Ward into the Quinton Ward. We do not wish this to happen. We bought a house in Harborne, B17 and would like it to remain there. Harborne is the shopping centre we use, our children attended Harborne schools, we make use of the library and pool there. We use Harborne medical practice and our dentist is in Harborne. We regard ourselves as living in Harborne and use it in our address. Yours, Alex Robertson and Gerard Shore

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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to inform you that I believe that the properties in Elm Tree Road, Harborne, and other roads in the triangle between Court Oak Road, Lordswood Road and the Hagley Road West should be in Harborne Ward. We are clearly in Harborne geographically and culturally - I consider myself to live in Harborne, I do all my shopping and a great deal of my social life in Harborne. This area was originally in Harborne and it is anomalous that it was moved into the Quinton ward.

Yours faithfully

Dr Helen Robertson

Sent from my iPad
Good afternoon

I would like to express my support for the boundary review which has retained the name 'Yardley' in the new wards. I understand that our ward will now be Yardley East and the neighbouring ward will be named Yardley West and Stechford, with the area around the Swan Island called South Yardley.

I would like to thank the electoral commission for listening to local residents and agreeing to their suggestions.

Many thanks,

Sylvia Roberts
To whom it may concern,

This email is to strongly request that Wood Lane remains part of the HARBORNE ward.

We believe the idea of a proposed change of ward to be preposterous as this would have a detrimental effect on effected homeowners, to name one of many possible consequences.

Again, on behalf of all residents of Wood Lane, we wish to REMAIN in the HARBORNE ward.
14th June 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Election Boundaries Commission review of the Harborne Ward

I am writing to strongly object to the proposal that my property is to no longer be considered part of the Harborne Ward, but instead within the Quinton Ward.

I chose to move to the area of Harborne a number of years ago, and wish to remain within this ward. The change in the boundaries will have an impact on the value of our own house, along with those surrounding me. The fall in house prices will have an effect on the local economy, as well as longer-term impact, such as not being able to invest as much into the property market when considering moving up the property ladder.

This change will lead to a dramatic change in the population within Harborne, resulting in widespread changes – for example, in the local schools. Many people live in Harborne due to an appreciation of the locality, and I find it abhorrent that you would change this, without full consultation with its population. Surely, there are more important things that these funds could be contributed towards.

Yours faithfully

Dr Fiona Ross
Birmingham District

Personal Details:

Name: Fiona Ross
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Comment text:

Please find attached a letter objecting to the proposed boundary changes. This letter will be also sent via post.

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Commission for England,
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Millbank,
LONDON,
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Electoral Review of Birmingham.

Thank you for your letter of 10th. May 2016. I wish to comment on two aspects of your recommendations.

First. Your acceptance of Trinity Ward rather than the suggested Maney Ward has been well received. I am an active member of Sutton Civic Society, my local Residents Association and also the Friends of Sutton Park. The clear view is that Trinity Ward is correct.

Secondly. I believe that Sutton Coldfield is under represented and your recommendation is wrong. I’ll tell you why. I was a member of Birmingham Planning Committee for 20 years, the last 4 as its Chairman, until my retirement. The number of planning applications for Sutton Coldfield (and Approvals) was much higher than the majority of the City. There was pressure on the South and South East but not on the scale of Sutton. I think it possible that you have not been appraised of the actual infilling and the projections for the future. This is very important and I would ask you to revisit this area.

Yours faithfully,

David Roy
Cooper, Mark

From: Mayers, Mishka on behalf of reviews
Sent: 11 May 2016 11:06
To: Cooper, Mark
Subject: FW: YARDLEY WARD

From: susie2003
Sent: 10 May 2016 20:27
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: YARDLEY WARD

Just heard off Neil Eustace that you have heard our please to keep the yardley ward. Just to say thank you for listening to us
Sue and ken rudge

Sent from Samsung Mobile on O2
Dear Sir,

Thank you for your response to our Boundary Commission revisions as regards our Vesey Ward, where you have met most of our resident concerns and comments. There is just one very minor modification which is the school sports area at the very eastern end of Monmouth Drive, as it approaches Somerville Road by the traffic lights. This has been assigned to the Trinity Ward. This small wedge of green recreation space between Monmouth Drive and the wooded nature conservation land, should be part of the Vesey Ward as it has always been associated with site use management and parking problems that have taken place over many years. The Vesey Ward have funded parking bays in this region, and additional bays are currently under review. Vesey Ward have also funded general maintenance of this site related to the sports played there.

Can you possibly review your decision to place this in the Trinity Ward please. This comment is from our Vesey North Neighbourhood Forum, and in line with SCIRG comments of which we are part, and has already been submitted., in addition to our other Vesey Ward Forum inputs.

May we thank your group for your detailed approach to this area, which our residents appreciate.

Kindest regards Ken Rushton, Chairman Vesey North Neighbourhood Forum
Chairman Sutton Coldfield Independent Resident Group
Dear Sir/Madam,

I have lived in Hampton Court Rd for 36 years. HCR and Earls Court RD are rows of Edwardian Terrace Villas which are in keeping with the rest of Harborne. They expanded out from the centre of Harborne Village over a 100 years ago as the villas were built around about 1910.

It would be a shame to loose the identity of these roads as they are in keeping with all the villas that run from Harborne High Street. Why do these changes have to take place?? it would make more sense to have the dual carriage way of Wolverhampton road and West Boulevard as borders of Quinton and Harborne so that Court Oak Rd is all in Harborne.

With regards Sue Rutter