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The Review Officer (Broxtowe)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
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LONDON EC1M 5LG

Dear Sir

Ward Boundaries Review for Broxtowe Borough Council (BBC)

Within the Borough of Broxtowe, Greasley Parish comprises the communities of Beauvale, Giltbrook, Newthorpe, Moorgreen and Watnall. The Parish is sub divided into three wards as follows :-

- Beauvale – two councillors
- Giltbrook, Newthorpe and Moorgreen – nine councillors
- Watnall – four councillors

The above total of 15 councillors includes two who also serve on BBC.

Greasley shares urban boundaries with the adjacent Town/Parish Councils of Eastwood, Kimberley and Nuthall. This, together with the disparate geographical nature of the Parish, leads to some confusion amongst parishioners that is not helped by the actions of BBC in failing to properly recognise the Parish's involvement in some of their dealings.

We are aware that BBC have recently resolved to propose new warding arrangements for the Borough including those wards covering the parish area of Greasley which are as follows :-

- Eastwood North and Greasley Beauvale - one councillor (new arrangement)
- Greasley (covering the communities of Giltbrook, Newthorpe and Moorgreen) – three councillors (as now)
- Greasley Watnall and Nuthall West – two councillors (as now)

We are satisfied that the above warding arrangements highlighting the Greasley connection in each case, are a step in the right direction in maintaining the Parish's identity.

As residents of Watnall for over twenty-five years, we have no significant concerns about the present two-councillor shared warding arrangement that we believe on balance, has worked to the benefit of our community. Currently serving on Greasley Parish Council within the Watnall ward, we support the Borough Council's warding proposals (in so far as they affect Greasley) and recommend their acceptance and implementation without further amendment.

Yours faithfully

Robert D Willimott Barbara Willimott
Councillors – Greasley Parish Council