



Serving the communities of Giltbrook, Greasley, Moorgreen, Newthorpe & Watnall.

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Dear Sirs,

Electoral Review of Broxtowe

The review of ward boundaries within Broxtowe should be used an opportunity to strengthen the identity of those components that make up the borough. This would be completely in line with the bringing-people-together policies operated by both the parish and borough councils.

In the case of Greasley - which was formed in 1894 and is ranked 405th out of some 10,500 local councils in England and Wales - this takes the form of annual parish events organised by the parish council with financial support from the borough. From public feedback at these events it is clear that Greasley residents are proud to live in such a progressive parish and for this reason alone the parish council would request that all wards covering any part of the parish should include "Greasley" in its title. The name of the ward should reflect its heritage.

The parish council is very conscious that in recent times there has been an on-going attack on the identity of the parish. Even at the Broxtowe debate to consider the borough council's response to the ward review, Greasley appeared not to exist as it was completely absent from the agenda - an omission for which the Leader of the council subsequently apologised.

Similarly with the Aligned Core Strategy review for instance, a document which could spell out the shape of the whole area for the next 15 - 20 years, there is no mention of Greasley, the largest parish in the borough. Instead, those developments which are proposed in Greasley are shown as being part of the Eastwood or Kimberley communities.

Apart from the insult to the area it does absolutely nothing towards encouraging the parishioners of Greasley to participate in the Strategy consultation exercise by ignoring their very existence.

The opportunity afforded by the Boundary Review should be to strengthen community identity, preserve its heritage and end the confusion with clear and balanced wards accurately described by place names based on their location. The Review needs to identify wards to which people can relate and for this reason some of the parish councillors are of the view that the readily definable area of Watnall should be a single member ward.

Yours faithfully,



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