



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

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Dear Mr Kingsley,

Broxtowe Review

Our Members were extremely disappointed to read the suggestions for Greasley put forward in the Review's draft recommendations. They give the impression of surrounding communities trying to increase their own standing for political purposes at the expense of Greasley's heritage.

The Council has introduced a number of initiatives to strengthen the bonds between the five communities within the parish and as these initiatives continue to be increasingly popular we believe that the residents have spoken - "we want to stay as we are and live in Greasley."

The proposed changes do not recognise either the area's tradition or its modern day allegiances. As we said in our earlier submission, at the very least every ward covering any part of the parish should have the name Greasley in its title. This is seen as essential to protect the parish's identity.

Whilst individual councillors have the right to their view on these matters we pay special attention to the collective view of the local Parish Council.

We note the suggested Eastwood Hall re-naming but would say this is out of kilter with reality as all the residents in the Coach Drive - Brunel Avenue area are residents of Greasley, many with addresses shown as Newthorpe Grange.

We also feel that the ad hoc tacking on off areas to bolster wards puts councillors in a potentially difficult situation of trying to represent the views of urban residents which are often at odds with those in rural communities.

Yours sincerely,

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