

The case for keeping Windsor Road in Castle Ward Cambridge

Your letter of 3rd November 2015 to Cambridgeshire County Council, regarding a further limited consultation on changes in Cambridge City suggests to us that the LGBCE intends no modification to its draft suggestions for most of Cambridge.

As members of Windsor Road Residents' Association (WIRE), we are extremely disappointed and would emphasise the main points of our previous submission.

Our case rests on local knowledge and experience which may not have been obvious to those focusing on the broader picture. It is based mainly on the sense of local community.

This sense of community is particularly strong between three local roads, namely Windsor Road, Oxford Road and Richmond Road. It is illustrated by:

- Strong and ongoing collaboration between the respective three residents' associations over local issues, such as developing plans for traffic calming measures. These will particularly affect the three roads which are interlinked without having to travel on main roads. If Windsor Road were in a different ward, with different elected councillors, and subject to different Cambridge City area committees, collaborative negotiations would be unnecessarily complicated.
- the community facility at St Augustine's Hall is supported by all three residents' associations and is heavily used by the residents of all three roads. Although residents from a wider area (roads not closely interlinked) use the hall, the core programme of concerts and talks is supported in particular by the three roads, as advertised on the published programme of events.

We note that returning Windsor Road to Castle division would have a negligible effect on electoral numbers in the newly proposed arrangements, merely reversing the 1% variances between Castle and Arbury.

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