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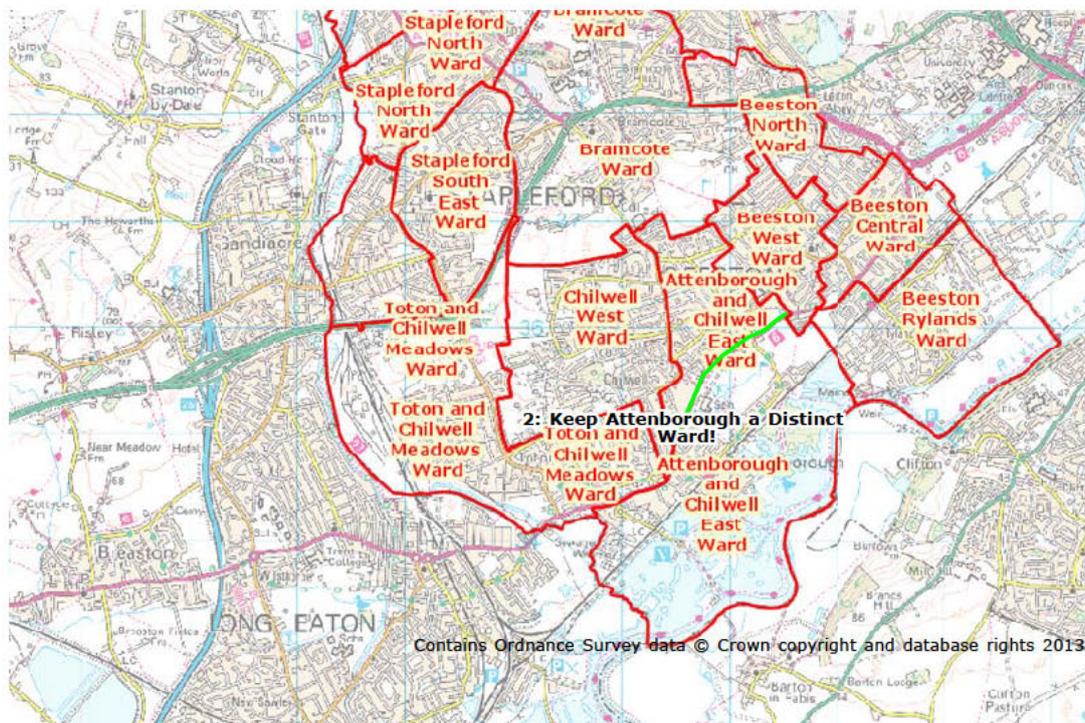
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Eric Robertson



To whom this may concern,

I am writing this letter to strongly express my opinions on the LGBCE plans to make changes to the ward boundaries of Broxtowe borough. It is my strong belief that Attenborough should be kept distinct from Chilwell East due to differing social, practical and historic factors. Attenborough has, historically been a distinct area since the Saxon times and is home to many historic entities including St. Mary's Church and Ireton House- home to General Ireton, General of Oliver Cromwell in the English Civil War. Chilwell, historically, could not be further apart, it falling out of Beeston and the ever-expanding suburban sprawl in the 70/80's.

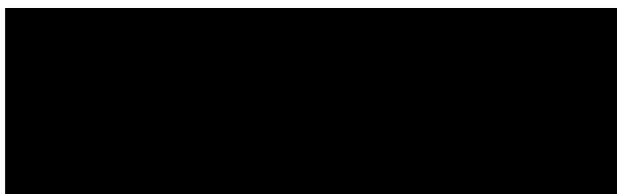
Practically, given the criteria for ward boundaries to be "clear and distinct", it is unclear why the current boundary is proposed to change. The A6005 provides a definitive boundary for a ward distinction both theoretically and in practice. In crossing this very busy artery, psychologically a boundary has been crossed. Attenborough also sits on much lower ground than Chilwell; a fact readily apparent and appreciated by any Attenborough resident. This is because, lodged firmly in the social psyche of Attenborough, are the floods of 2000 that greatly impacted on the majority of Attenborough residents. The collective efforts of the village went in to securing and protecting Attenborough residencies and their residents with community-based teams that sandbagged properties and removed personal possessions from ground floors vulnerable to flooding.

I would emphasize that this is only a particular instance of the collective efforts and spirit of our close-knit community. Guidelines state that ward boundaries should appropriately reflect social values and communities: our inclusion in to that of Chilwell would not reflect these values and would undermine our community. Further evidence to the social, practical and historical values of Attenborough as a distinct and separate area, both geographically and socially, are the existence of a Tennis Club, Football Club, Cricket Club and Village Hall, all bearing the name of our close-knit village.

To claim a more representative boundary would be established, were the existing ward definitions to change, is a misnomer; in providing what is claimed to be a ward with 'more equal' weighting, assumes something about what it is to be equal. Fairness is a quality that is an assumption of equality and is not something that is present in the redefining of the current boundaries. Fairness does not equate to equality, as demonstrated by the treatment we rightly provide in this country to the sick, elderly and disabled. Fairness is not apparent in this new arrangement as there has been a failure to take in to account the unique social, practical and historical factors that are present in Attenborough.

To ignore the unilateral and long-standing heritage of Attenborough would be a disgrace to both the residents of the village and to the council that supposedly represents it. I therefore demand that the ward boundary of Attenborough remain untouched and its residents allowed to reside suitably uninfluenced by the politics of the surrounding designations.

Yours Faithfully,



Eric Robertson
Attenborough Resident