Think this is a duplicate?

Thanks,

Laura

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From: 
Date: Thu, May 26, 2016 at 7:41 PM
Subject: WASHWOOD HEATH BIRMINGHAM
To: reviews@lgbce.org.uk
Dear Sir/Madam

27th May 2016

The new proposal for Alum Rock and Saltley will not be good for the local community with current Councillors using family race and cast to get elected.

Most pullation is Kashmiri community from the DADYAL, Azad Kashmir, Pakistan. The merger of Saltley and Alum Rock wards plays into the hands of Councillor who influenced this decision by their family's and village politics.

The majority of Kashmiri local community is family lead with this the Councillors influence their decision on voting.

At Election 2014 POLL WORKERS TOLD PEOPLE TO VOTE FOR LABOUR PARTY WASHWOOD HEATH. 6,598 VOTE WAS CASTED FOR SAID COUNCILLOR

Some of the Poll Workers live in Washwood Heath and have family members campaigning for Washwood Heath Councillors

2015 Elections No Party put it on leaflet that review will be taking place.

At Election 2015 The following article have been used by current councillors to get high VOTE A RALLY was organised by Washwood Heath Councillor Ansar Ali Khan For Ex PRIME MINISTER OF AZAD KASHMIR Sultan Mohmood Chaudhary to address Kashmiri Community to VOTE for Councillor Ansar Ali Khan. Telling Kashmiri Community to VOTE for Ansar Ali Khan and Labour.

9,200 VOTE was cast for Cllr Ansar Ali Khan
I propose that the Single Councillor Wards possible move some parts with Nechells and Highgate and Bordesley or even Glebe and Stechford to PREVENT FORGIEN POLITICAL INTERFERENCE.

WE LIVE IN ENGLAND BUT VOTERS ARE INFLUNCES BY FORGIEN POLICTICIANS. IS THIS DECOMARCY WE NEED IN ENGLAND?

I am enclosing newspaper article about 2014 Election and also cutting and posters USED IN ELECTIONS.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely

Please DO NOT put my name to public consultation or to any other group. Please keep all my details private.
MP FROM PAKISTAN'S 'LITTLE BRITAIN' WHO SAYS HE 'TELLS PEOPLE HOW TO VOTE'

The guest of honour at the event where men and women were segregated was Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry - the former prime minister of Azad Kashmir in Pakistan.

The area is known as 'Little Britain' because so many people from the area ended up in the UK after its economy was shattered by the building of a dam in the 1960s.

It is believed that 70 per cent of all people of Pakistani-heritage living in the UK originate from this small area.

In 2010, an election year, the BBC spoke to Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry as he toured Britain.

He said he saw himself as a leader of the Mirpuri community, the people of Azad Kashmir, at home and in Britain.

Mr Chaudry is now back in the UK again, and was on the panel at the controversial event in Birmingham on Saturday where men and women appeared to be segregated.

He said in 2010: 'I always come during elections. It's basically so I can tell people how to vote and who to vote for.

'Most of the Pakistanis here are from Mirpur, and I am the MP from Mirpur, and I know the issues here and who will be the best candidates to help solve the issues in Kashmir.'


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Probe into allegations Birmingham election workers 'told people how to vote'

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By Amardeep Bassey

Liberal Democrat candidate Waheed Rafiq claims he and his team witnessed the alleged incidents first hand at nearly all 23 polling stations in Washwood Heath and Hodge Hill.

Police and council officials are probing allegations that election workers at a Birmingham ward were “too close” to some candidates and were advising people how to vote.

Liberal Democrat candidate Waheed Rafiq claims he and his team witnessed the alleged incidents first hand at nearly all 23 polling stations in Washwood Heath and Hodge Hill.

The 38-year-old former UKIP member said he was shocked to discover some election counters and helpers were apparently related to Labour candidates.

Mr Waheed said: “Some I believe were past members of Labour and it was clear that some were supporters of the Labour candidate.

“I personally saw some election workers fraternising with Labour candidates and on several occasions I witnessed them telling people which way

Mr Rafiq, who came second in Washwood Heath with 537 votes compared to the Labour Party winner’s 6598 votes, said he immediately raised his concerns with the head of Birmingham’s Electoral Services Robert Connelly.
Now Mr Connelly, a solicitor, has arranged a meeting with West Midlands Police to further investigate the “serious allegations”.

The accusations come after the Electoral Commission raised concerns about potential fraud and corruption at the recent elections.

It highlighted areas like Birmingham, Coventry and Walsall, as being particularly susceptible and even suggested the idea of police patrols at polling stations.

Election results in some Birmingham wards have historically been riddled with allegations of corruption and nepotism leading to convictions and one senior judge labelled the city a “banana republic” in 2004.

Mr Rafiq, an IT student born and brought up in the area, said: “Most of the local population in Washwood Heath aren’t highly educated and vote according to caste, or as we call it Biradaree, and tradition. I saw for myself that some voters were asking the polling clerk which way they should vote and were being instructed accordingly.

“I made my feelings known to city council officials and have followed it up with written eye-witness statements.

“I don’t accept the election results because I feel it was rigged and people were taken advantage of.”

He added: “Parts of the city have been plagued with allegations of voting irregularities and incidents like this show that it still appears to be going on.”

A City Council spokesperson said: “We have received allegations relating to last week’s local election for the Washwood Heath ward. These claims are presently being investigated by the council and West Midlands Police.”

A police spokesman said: “Police have received an allegation of election fraud relating to the Washwood Heath area. This is being investigated by officers from our Economic Crime Unit in partnership with the City Co
Organised by Cllr Ansar Ali Khan.
Chief Guests: Barrister Sultan Mahmood, Tom Watson MP, Liam Byrne MP, Shabana Mahmood MP, Khalid Mahmood MP, Jack Dromey MP & Many Other Distinguished MP & Cllrs.

Cllr Mariam Khan is organising a women's section for Jalsa & is inviting all women to attend.