

To whom it may concern,

I am writing due to your proposed boundary changes. Whilst I must say I am pleased that Aspley has survived without any significant changes, I worry for places such as Clifton, the Meadows, the Park and the Arboretum which has seen enormous changes and, may I add, for what appears to be no sensible reason.

In Clifton it seems strange that the wards proposed appear so oddly designed. I feel that cutting Clifton along the A453 makes more sense as that keep the Clifton estate, a very strong individual entity, combined.

In the Meadows, the Park and the Arboretum I am shocked that the Boundary Commission has decided to implement single member wards. This is no way benefits any of the residents. What happens if their single Councillor is sick? Do they simply have to get by without representation? It makes complete sense to keep multi-member wards without exception. It has long worked in the city of Nottingham and changing it now feels like it will only weaken communities.

In particular, the Arboretum ward which I represent is very diverse nationally and would not benefit from being segregated from the ward as it currently stands. If the Arboretum ward was to become a stand alone, then the people of that ward would still look to Hyson Green for support, bearing in mind that the top end of the Arboretum ward is predominantly a student area.

Whilst I am pleased that Aspley has remained unchanged and I would like to argue that this remains, I would to strongly suggest you review your proposals in other parts of the ward.

I look forward to hearing your response.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Bryan (Arboretum Ward Councillor)