

## Carlsson-Hyslop, Dan

---

**From:** Dave Trimble [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 December 2017 19:12  
**To:** reviews  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Local Government Boundary Review England {Nottingham}

To Whom it May Concern,

I write to you in response to your proposals for the Nottingham Local Government Boundary Review and in particular your proposed new Lenton and Wollaton East Ward which I offer some support, as well as the issue of single member wards which I do not support.

Firstly I believe that the new system of using an arbitrary cut off date to decide numbers in each area instead of the traditional population method is unfair. The outcome of this, is most pronounced in wards with large numbers of student residents. Markedly reducing the weighting of their votes and unfortunately I believe to be blatantly unfair on young people in particular. Having said that I understand that you have to work with the rules ascribed to you by parliament.

Given that, I believe your proposal for a Lenton and Wollaton East ward makes sense in terms of it being a minimal change to the electorate as well as being within the Commissions requirement of +/- 10% of electoral variance by 2023. It also fits in with partners such as the police through their local beats, health practices and issues as well as local schools intakes. As someone that is passionate about parks and open spaces it is important that the area is well served by local parks. This includes Highfields Park, Lenton Rec. and Lenton Abbey Park with Wollaton Park right on the doorstep. All of which have excellent playgrounds and have the distinction of being awarded the excellent accreditation of being nationally recognised Green Flag Parks.

In terms of the physical, employment, education and populace structures of the area the Queens Medical Centre in the current Dunkirk & Lenton Ward and the Nottingham University including its campus in the current Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey Ward dominate the area. Whilst this isn't very diverse it is cohesive in terms of issues within a single boundary that will need to be addressed by local councillors.

I also note and support that your proposal for the proposed Lenton and Wollaton East ward is for a multi member 3 member ward, which I believe is important to deal with all the issues required as well for the reasons I outline below.

I would now like to address the issues of the single member wards being proposed for {as far as I know the first time ever in} Nottingham, which I do not support. This was brought home starkly to me when one of my very best friends, that represents another ward in the city became suddenly and totally unexpectedly very ill indeed. I saw very clearly how this affects attendance at local advice surgeries, regular local issues meetings, consultations events, residents meetings and attendance on local ward walks.

Multi member wards allow the local residents to have its local representatives on a wider set of committees and sub committees so that their views are heard. It allows the residents the opportunity for more diverse representation with a wider range of skills and experience. This also allows for improved teamwork giving residents better representation and a better opportunity to contact the local councillor they feel more comfortable contacting. I also understand that this has happened in recent reviews in Sheffield, Leeds, Manchester, and Newcastle. If it is good enough for other large core cities then surely Nottingham as a large core city deserves that same consideration.

Best wishes,

Dave Trimble

{Current councillor for Dunkirk & Lenton Ward}