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Response to proposed ward boundary changes for Clifton Nottingham

We, the Clifton Village Residents Association, on behalf of the residents of Clifton Village, have considered the proposals in the draft review on the new electoral arrangements for Nottingham City Council. We are concerned that the proposals were in part based on an extremely limited number of submissions, which in no way represents the views of the whole community. We are also unclear as to whether the future planned housing development behind Barton Green, known as Clifton West (250 – 280 houses), plus the development on the old Fairham secondary school site, together with other smaller housing developments within Clifton, have been taken into consideration.

It is also unclear whether or not the transitory student population has been included in figures. We feel that many are unlikely to or are ineligible to register for local City Council elections. Many students live on the Nottingham Trent University campus or in local housing on the Clifton Estate and we feel that their presence or lack of it could significantly skew the figures.

As an alternative to the proposals for Clifton North and Clifton South we wish to propose the following:

One councillor for Wilford and Silverdale and four councillors for the Clifton area, including Barton Green Estate, Clifton Grove Estate, Clifton Village, Nobel Road Estate and the larger Clifton Estate.

Our rationale for this proposal is as follows:

The residents of Wilford and Silverdale already see themselves as having a separate identity (see as an example a Wikipedia entry). They are physically separated from Clifton by a natural boundary being farmland, which serves as a floodplain. Very few links are forged socially between these areas and the Clifton area. This supports the statutory criteria particularly reflecting community interests and identity.

Clifton should be retained as one homogeneous ward with four councillors. Residents across Clifton have worked tirelessly together over many years to achieve an all-inclusive, integrated, cohesive community. Numerous facilities based in the Clifton centre serve the whole of the Clifton ward that we are proposing. Most of the voluntary groups and organisations provide a service to and involve residents across Clifton. Our proposal should enable the four councillors to focus all their time and energy collectively to the benefit of Clifton as a whole.

The majority of families from Wilford and Silverdale and Clifton largely support the churches in their own distinct areas and send their children to schools based where they live, further enhancing the separation and distinctiveness of the two areas and therefore supporting our proposal.

With regard to the draft proposal outlined in paragraph 40 on pages 9 and 10, we consider this to be highly divisive, particularly the use of the A453 as part of a boundary.

Many of our residents have lived in the area for many years if not their whole lives and fully appreciate and understand the importance of keeping Clifton as one complete entity. They know what is appropriate for their community. A brief visit cannot fully comprehend the complexities that make Clifton what it is. Please consider the above and keep Clifton together.

Yours faithfully

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on behalf of Clifton Village Residents Association (C.V.R.A.)

