



## Longbarn Residents Association

Representing Anderson Close, Blackburne Close, Burnet Close, Carpenter Grove, Church Drive, Fallowfield Grove, Guildford Close, Peasley Close, Oxmead Close, Duckworth Grove, Freshfields Drive, Lovage Close, Pasture Lane, Mullion Grove, Mayberry Grove, Saffron Close, Sage Close, Sorrel Close, Station Road South and West View.

<p>Warrington review Local Government Boundary Commission for England Layden House 76-86 Turnmill Street LONDON EC1M 5LG</p>	<p>Geoff Orange, Chairman, Longbarn Residents' Association,</p>
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**SENT BY EMAIL – 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2015 – Reviews@lgbce.org.uk**

Dear Sirs

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015

### **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

I am writing to you on behalf of Longbarn Residents' Association in support of the proposals for the Poulton North Ward in Warrington.

Longbarn Residents' Association safeguards and promotes the interests of residents in the area on matters concerning housing and the environment; helps to improve living conditions, community facilities and services for residents living in the Association's area. The Association will uphold equal opportunities and work towards good relations amongst all members of the community, specifically prohibiting any conduct which discriminates or harasses on grounds of race, religion, disability political belief, sex or sexual orientation

There are several natural boundaries surrounding Longbarn (a) Manchester – Liverpool Railway line to the south (b) the Birchwood Expressway to the north (c) Woolston Grange Avenue to the east and (d) Christ Church C of E to the west. This forms a natural community island of approximately 1000 houses with approximately 2500 residents. The Longbarn Residents' Association, which is very active, has brought this community together through a great deal of hard work over the last several years.

We have our own local Convenience Store, Christ Church C of E Primary School, New Horizons School and Wind in the Willows Nursery. There is, also, a Doctor's Surgery, a Chemist, a Chinese Restaurant and a Fish & Chip Shop. On the fringe of Longbarn to the west is the Padgate Railway Station (Northern Rail). All of these are working with us to improve the environment of Longbarn.

We also work closely with Greencore Foods, The National Crime Agency, The Police, The Environment Agency, The Land Trust, Muir Housing Group, Warrington Housing Association, Golden Gates Housing Trust, Warrington Borough Council, Poulton with Fearnhead Parish Council, Warrington Charities Trust, Noise Design, Elm Tree Financial Service Ltd and The Co-operative Membership Community Fund. Many of these sponsor us financially.

Longbarn Park, just north of the Birchwood Expressway, should in our view form part of Poulton North ward, especially since the Friends of Longbarn Park has brought residents of Longbarn and Fearnhead together as a Friends Community. Residents from both communities regularly work together in our attempt to improve our environment. We have two members on their management committee.

Currently the area known as Longbarn is split between two Council Wards – Poulton North & Poulton South. We think that the community of Longbarn should be within one ward, as defined within the Longbarn Residents' Constitution whereas currently it is split between two. We believe that Longbarn should be contained within a revised and extended Poulton North Ward.

We understand that the review aims to ensure that the new Wards reflect, as far as possible, the interests and identities of Communities they serve. We would hope that you think that Longbarn is such an area which is represented by our Association with a very local identity. It is our intention, therefore, to support the suggestion of Warrington Borough Council that the whole of Longbarn should be in one Borough Ward and that that Ward should be Poulton North.

If we can be of further assistance then we hope that you will contact us during the process to ensure that all views are included.

Yours sincerely

**Geoff Orange - Chairman**  
**Longbarn Residents' Association**