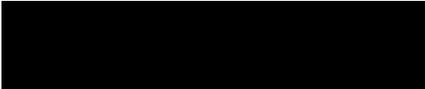
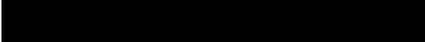


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Birmingham Liberal Democrats We strongly welcome the work that has been done prior to this round of consultation in order to respond to community concerns. In particular the following changes to the original draft plan are to be welcomed: - the creation of a two member Moseley ward; - the amendments to Acocks Green to make a ward closely reflecting the community of Acocks Green; - name changes in the Yardley area, reflecting the historic Yardley community; - in particular the creation of a South Yardley ward, reflecting the community of south Yardley; - the creation of a larger Hall Green ward reflecting the scope of the Hall Green community; - the inclusion of the Jewellery Quarter in the new Soho and Jewellery Quarter ward. Our significant outstanding concerns are as follows: - the new Moseley ward is significantly over-sized. We think you should reconsider our proposal in the last consultation to create a Sparkhill South and East Moseley ward; -the disappearance of the single-member Saltley ward from the last round is disappointing. You should retain Saltley and Alum Rock as single member wards; -it would still be better for there to be a distinct Jewellery Quarter ward, created by splitting the proposed Soho and Jewellery Quarter ward; -you have not taken on board comments about the proposed Perry Hall and Perry Beeches wards. There is a "spur" on the Walsall Road at its north east end assigned to Perry Hall but isolated from the rest of the ward. We proposed that the Walsall Road east side, from Queslett Road to Booths Farm road should be assigned to Perry Beeches. The name Perry Beeches is still less than ideal as it is most closely linked to the school campus which: a) is outside the proposed ward; b) is associated in the public mind currently with some significant scandals through the activities of the Perry Beeches Academy Trust. We proposed the name Perry Park (or Perry Barr Park) as an alternative as it is wholly within the proposed ward. - Aston and Birchfield: we would ask you to reconsider our previous proposal to divide the Aston ward into two single member wards, eg Aston Hall and Birchfield East, representing a large part of the Birchfield district is in the west end of the proposed Aston ward; - adding the name Selly Oak to the proposed Weoley Ward does not adequately address the loss of identify for this historic centre. We would therefore propose the following option to divide this ward into Selly Oak and Weoley: the effect is to create a geographically distinct Selly Oak ward including the residential neighbourhoods associated with the village together with the areas of the Bournville Village Trust and the west side of the A38 corridor which includes the historic Selly Oak Colleges (a series of theological colleges linked to the university). Use the rear of the even numbered houses on Middle Park Rd, and Castle Rd as a boundary . Selly Oak ward: CYA, CYB, CYJ, DNI, DNK, CCK, DND (which has little geographic relationship with Weoley ward) + even numbered houses on Castle Rd, and Middle Park Rd. I hope this assists in refining the proposals still further. Cllr Jon Hunt leader Birmingham City Council Liberal Democrat group

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