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Subject: Birmingham Submission

Hello,

Please find attached a community submission on behalf of North Birmingham Community Together.

Regards,

Michaela
North Birmingham Community Together

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https://northbirminghamtogether.wordpress.com/

The community submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England’s consultation on the new boundaries for North Birmingham.

As well as the support of over 30 local groups/organisations/campaigners our submission is supported by four of Birmingham’s Political Parties. Therefore has significant cross party support.
Dear Commission,

I am writing on behalf of a collection of community groups, and residents from across our area. It has been brilliant to see the way the North Birmingham Community, the area between the M6 and Sutton Coldfield), has come together to stand up for our individual communities.

Our areas are not the wealthiest of the Country or even the City. Our community spirit is what binds us together and gives us pride in our homes. That is why it is so vital that the community is kept together, to many of us it is the stake we have in our local areas.

We were grateful that the local community took on board a number of our comments from the last stage of consultation and we welcome the commission now having an additional stage. However it is clear that there are still number of aspects of the commissions plans need to be changed. We have talked amongst ourselves and with others. We have contacted community groups who wrote in last time with alternative plans to try and find a middle ground that works for everyone.

That is why we are proposing only small changes now with what the Commission are proposing. This means that the Commission will still have the base two member wards of Erdington, Kingstanding, Oscott and Stockland Green and single member wards of Castle Vale, Perry Common, Pype Hayes and Tyburn (or Gravelly Hill as we would propose it should be called). Our plan which as well as have the backing of the local community, and most of the local community groups, also has real and widespread cross party support from 4 of the major political parties, from the left, right and centre.
In the coming pages we talk about the support we have for our proposals, the errors, problems or mistakes in the draft proposals put out to consultation and a clear explanation of what we are asking for. Which is should be noted only needs minor changes, but would make a massive difference to residents.

The basis of our submission is to ensure that local communities are best reflected, but we also have ensured that the equality of electors criteria of the commission is also met. This means that our proposals have less variance from the average electors than the proposals put forward by the commission. Hopefully this means that as these changes we are putting forward help the commission better meet their criteria we will be able to protect our local communities and help residents still recognise their local area.

Finally we wish to stress that if the commission area to make the changes that we have proposed only affect the area marked by the current wards of Oscott, Stockland Green, Tyburn, Kingstanding and Erdington. This means that the commission does not have to change any other parts of the City to be able to make the changes proposed and protect our local community.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us put this together, who has backed our campaign, who has attended one of our public meetings, who has written to the commission. We would also like to thank the City Council for helping with the elector numbers, the political parties that agreed to meet us, the commission for taking the time to read this submission and to give us a fair hearing and of course all the residents and community groups who took the time to take part in this process.

Many Thanks.

Yours sincerely

Michaela Matthews
Chair - North Birmingham
The following political parties, groups and organisations are supporting our community submission:

Berwood Allotments, Pitts Farm, Erdington
Blears Video Store, Hawthorn Road
Boldmere Mums
Birmingham Bangledeshi C.A.
Birmingham City Council Conservative Group
Birmingham City Council Liberal Democrat Group
Birmingham Green Party—Margaret Okole
Cllr Robert Alden
Cllr Bob Beauchamp
Cllr Gareth Moore
Cllr Gary Sambrook
Cllr Ron Storer
Clifton Welch - Pype Hayes Campaigner
Court Lane Street Association
Elim Church, Kingstanding
Erdington, Sutton Coldfield and Perry Barr UKIP Party
The Erdington Abbey Church Community
Erdington Arts Group
Erdington Voices
Fairfields Garage
Friends of Short Heath Park
Handy Andy’s Shop, Hawthorn Road
Hawthorn Road Traders
Hawthorn Community United
Keep Bandywood in Oscott Campaign
Kingstanding Neighbourhood Watch
Kingstanding Community Together
Knight’s Pet Shop, Hawthorn Road
Leona Leung - Stockland Green Community Activist
Lyndhurst (Now Abbey Fields) Neighbourhood Forum
New Friends of Rookery Park
Orchard Road Residents
Plumstead Road Residents Group
Poppy Lane Neighbourhood Forum
St Mark's Church Bandywood
Sutton Road residents
The Orchard Suite, Orphanage Road
The Swan Pub, Erdington High Street
The Yenton Pub, Erdington
Tower Block Action Group
Turfpits Lane Residents Association
Urwing Funeral Palour, Hawthorn Road
Vice - Chair of Governors, St Barnabas School

Thank you to the following groups for their support:-
Friends of Spring Lane Playing Fields - for allowing us to advertise on their facebook page
St Barnabas Church - for displaying leaflets about our campaign in the church
Erdington Business Improvement District -- allowing us to discuss our proposal with the directors and local businesses
Our Alternative Proposals

Castle Vale

We support the commissions proposals for a Castle Vale Ward.

Erdington

Our Erdington Ward preserves the core of historic Erdington. Including the all of the areas covered by the proposed Erdington Residents Parking Scheme and Conservation Zone. This ward would keep significant community buildings within the Erdington Community, unlike the commissions published plan. The ward would keep Erdington Abbey, Erdington Train Station, Erdington Royal Mail depot, the old Erdington Cottages, Osborne School (former School for the Erdington Urban District Council) and keeps the Yenton area of Erdington around Orphanage Road together in the ward. The boundaries are the border of Sutton Coldfield to the North, Court Lane to the West, to the South the traditional border with Gravelly Hill/Birches Green of Wood End Road/Kingsbury Road is used. To the East the border is the border of Pype Hayes, enabling Holly Park Drive and Quincey Drive to remain in Erdington.

While we welcome the commission’s changes to the area in this consultation we ask them to ‘finish the work’ and ensure the Yenton area is retained in Erdington, where it has always been and Court Farm is put into Perry Common where it is closely connected.

Tyburn Ward (we would refer to it as Gravelly Hill Ward)

A historic community that built up around the railway line, Gravelly Hill is bordered to the South by the Gravelly Hill interchange. From East to West across the North of the Ward the A4040 Wood End Road borders the ward until you meet the railway line which is the western border.

Kingstanding

The Kingstanding Ward brings together the community of Kingstanding within one two member ward. The ward is bordered on the East by the College Road from North to South. To the West the border is the dual carriageway Kingstanding Road, until it breaks into a boulevard through southern Kingstanding by the Kingstanding pub, the Golden Hind, retuning the Kingstanding Royal Mail Sorting Office to Kingstanding Ward.
Oscott

The Oscott community which comes together around the Cardinal Wiseman School is bordered to the North by the City border and Sutton Coldfield. To the West, continues the City border until it meets Southern Kingstanding in the South. The ward then is bordered by the Kingstanding Road to the East.

Perry Common

Perry Common is a compact community built up around the Ring shopping area, Witton Lodge Road and the neighbouring Community Hall, home to the local Perry Common Housing Group – Witton Lodge Community Housing Association. The ward is bordered to the North by Sutton Coldfield, to the East by Court Lane, to the South by the large Witton Boating Lakes and Bleak Hill recreation ground, which is not passably by vehicle. To the West the border is the College Road.

Pype Hayes

Pype Hayes Community is focused on the shared shopping centre, the Norton, on the Tyburn Road/Kingsbury Road junction. Shared with Birches Green our ward brings together the two communities into a Pype Hayes Ward which residents can connect to, through its shared groups. The ward is bordered to the North by Sutton Coldfield to the East Castle Vale and the M6, and to the South by the A4040 large dual carriageway, Bromford Lane. The Western border is the Kingsbury Road and then historic border with the parish of Erdington.

Stockland Green

While the original Stockland Green Community is built up around the Witton Boating Lakes. The Community is close knit and is bordered to the south by the A4040, Marsh Hill border with Gravelly Hill, to the North by the Lakes and recreation ground, to the East the border is Summer Road and to the West the North Birmingham Academy Playing Fields. We are also happy to accept that the area round Slade Road would rather be in a Stockland Green Ward than a Tyburn (Gravelly Hill) Ward and so we are proposing that the Commission simply makes the railway line the border to the East and returns Wyrley Birch (COF) to Stockland Geen Ward where it has been connected for the majority of the time it has existed.
The electorates of are proposed wards compared to the consultation wards - City average 8053 electors per a Councillor

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Our proposals have an average variance from the average number of electors of 3.6% this compares favourably to the Commissions proposal which has an average variance of 4.5%. It is clear that our community proposal is a better fit of the commissions criteria to make wards as equal as possible, than the draft proposals published.

In affect our wards are over 30% closer to the average number of electors required per a Councillor than the commissions proposals were.

**Our views on the commissions proposals and outlining the local community features of our area**

On the following pages we outline all the key community features, boundaries etc that we feel the commission needs to take account of to ensure that the community is properly represented in the new ward boundaries.
A - The Yenton Pub

The Yenton is one of the most well known drinking establishments in the whole of Erdington. Located on the Sutton Road (a road which would be split between two wards under the commissions plans) the pub itself is very proud of it’s Erdington History, despite being located close to the border of Wylde Green. As can be seen from the screenshot of it’s website the Pub makes it very clear that it is based in Erdington and lists the pub address as Erdington.

Indeed they are currently supporting the John Taylor Hospice, Erdington as it’s local charity for the year. A further example of them being closely connected to the Erdington community.

Source:- http://www.sizzlingpubs.co.uk/findapub/eastandwestmidlands/theyentonerdington
B - The last remaining copy of the Erdington Coat of Arms, on the old Erdington Tram Station Depot

Erdington dates, back to the doomsday book and before it was absorbed into Birmingham, had it’s own thriving Urban Council. This listed building, which now features a hair dressers, was the then tram terminus for the Birmingham to Erdington Tram. Adorning the side of the building is two copies of the Erdington Coat of Arms. Locally efforts are underway to have a copy of the coat of arms placed on the High Street, however currently these are the only publically displayed copies left of the Erdington Coat of Arms. They are a key part of the Erdington Community and combined with the terracotta carvings on Osborne School, demonstrate the history of the Erdington Community.
C - Statue of Josiah Mason, Chester Road roundabout, Erdington

Pictured overleaf, the statue is of one of Erdington’s most famous benefactors. He gave the land that Yenton School is built on and his trust looks after the Mason Cottages, on Orphanage Road. While Mason Road by Erdington High Street is named after him.

Opposite the statue is the Yenton School, sharing their name with the Yenton Pub, just further up the road. The word Yenton comes from the old nickname for people from Erdington, ‘Yentonians’.
D - The Parish of Erdington border

The northern border of the CIF polling District, the current Erdington Ward boundary with Wylde Green, is also the border of the Parish of Erdington. The Parish church is St Barnabas on Erdington High Street. This border has been the northern border of Erdington for over 150 years and should remain the case. The residential housing south of this border, eg Douay Road, Orphanage Road, Berwood Farm Road, etc has always been in Erdington Ward. The park to the East has also long been the acknowledged border between Pype Hayes and Erdington.

E - Pitts Farm

The Pitts Farm estate, Erdington is a well know Erdington Estate that is located off the northern side of the Chester Road. Indeed on the former planning policy for the estate that Birmingham City Council had it regularly made reference to Pitts Farm being part of Erdington. Just two of these examples are below in the screenshot of the policy.

Introduction

This development brief has been prepared by the City Council in order to provide planning and urban design guidance for the regeneration of the Pitts Farm housing estate, Erdington. The brief will provide guidance on matters including:

- appropriate land uses
- the layout and built form the development should take
- the relationship of the development to Pype Hayes Park
- access and circulation

The estate has also been chosen as one of the Government’s “Home Zone” Challenge Areas. The radical traffic calming measures proposed as part of this initiative will help transform this predominantly municipal estate into an attractive neighbourhood with its own unique character. The principles of the “Home Zone” initiative are included in this brief.

This development brief has been approved by Birmingham City Council and constitutes Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) to the Birmingham Plan (UDP), and will be used when determining planning applications relating to the estate.

www.birmingham.gov.uk/areabased/pittsfarmspg
F - The Digby Pub, Erdington

Another well known Erdington landmark is the Digby Pub on the northern side of the Chester Road. This family friendly pub, clearly identifies as being located in Erdington, this is the first line on their website, describing themselves, further highlighting how the area north of the Chester Road, clearly identifies as being part of the Erdington Community not Pype Hayes.

Source: - http://www.thedigbyerdington.co.uk/

G - The Baggot Arms, Pype Hayes.

Unlike the Yenton, and the Digby, the Baggot Arms clearly identifies as being in Pype Hayes. Indeed even in the media and to the public at large, see article overleaf, the pub is clearly views as being part of Pype Hayes. There website clearly states “The Bagot Arms is a busy family-run local pub, serving the communities of Pype Hayes ...”
Drinkers drape huge England flag over the Bagot Arms pub in Pye Hayes

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England fans still dreaming of World Cup glory have nailed their colours to the mast – with this giant cross of St George.

The 30ft x 40ft flag dominates the outside of the Bagot Arms pub in Eachelhurst Road, Pye Hayes.

Proudly on display despite the bare drapery against Honduras and the USA. It was hoisted up

A - Holly Park Drive

Holly Park Drive, Erdington is a collection of blocks of tenant managed flats. The flats have always been part of Erdington Ward since they were built but now are proposed to be removed.

Source: https://www.martinco.com/property/to-rent/127575
B - The Parish of Erdington border

The Eastern border of the Parish of Erdington has always been down the middle of the bottom half of Holly Lane. This means that the commissions proposal to take the left hand side of the road as well, including Quincey Drive and Holly Park Drive, means that the historic parish of Erdington will be broken up. To both the east of Holly Lane and to the South of the Kingsbury Road border is Pype Hayes Parish.


C - Former Nocks Brickworks site

The former Nocks Brickworks site is located in the proposed Erdington Ward. This site is due to have over 250 dwellings built on it and has full planning permission. This will form a significant portion of the proposed Erdington Ward’s population. However the access for this site is off Holly Lane. Under the commission’s plan this access,
opposite Hollydale Road, will be in the Pype Hayes Ward. This means that the site could not travel to another part of Erdington Ward without leaving and going through a different ward altogether.


D - Quincey Drive

The Quincey Drive area, has been in Erdington Ward for the entire time Erdington has been part of Birmingham City Council.

Tyburn Polling District DLB
A - Pype Hayes Parish border

The parish of Pype Hayes, St Mary, is a historic and clearly defined area. The Parish covers the community of Pype Hayes, plus the majority of the Birches Green community (current polling district DLB). The Pype Hayes and Birches Green communities have a long standing connection together. The Parish border along the Holly Lane and Kingsbury Road junction is the same border as we would propose for the area. It has been used as the boundary between Erdington and Pype Hayes for decades. The parish church serving Birches Green and Pype Hayes is St Mary's marked on the Tyburn Road below.

http://www.achurchnearyou.com/pype-hayes-st-mary-the-virgin/

B - The Norton shopping centre, Tyburn Road/Kingsbury Road

The proposed Tyburn and Pype Hayes wards by the commission will lead to the breaking up of the Norton Shopping Centre area. The Shopping Centre is recognised by Birmingham City Council as a local High Street. Therefore the High Street should be kept within the same ward. The Shopping Centre spans from Tyburn Road westwards onto Kingsbury Road at the Junction up to Holly Lane, as well as continuing straight past along Tyburn Road until the southern end of Holly Lane.
A - Gravelly Hill Interchange—Spaghetti Junction

The Gravelly Hill Interchange or to use its colloquial name Spaghetti Junction is the major motorway connection junction in Birmingham. Built in the 1970’s this concrete above ground level motorway provides a clear barrier to the southern end of the Gravelly Hill community. The effect of this is to provide a very solid community spirit that links together through local churches, mosques and the local shopping centre on Slade Road.

B - Gravelly Hill Train Station

Gravelly Hill train station is the major transport hub in the community of Gravelly Hill, a short walk from the station takes you to a large number of connecting buses, on Gravelly Hill North. The wards proposed by the commission would place the train station in one ward and the buses in another. The train station was named Gravelly Hill as this is the community it serves. Stockland Green does not have a train
station as the community is not based along the train line. The opening of the station in 1862, caused the growth of the Gravelly Hill community. The Victorian houses that grew up around the station can still be seen the area to east of George Road, across Slade Road past Gravelly Hill North with it’s earlier mansions and east towards Bromford Lane. Almost all the housing in this area was built in the Victorian period after the opening of the train station.

C - City of Birmingham School - Gravelly Hill Centre
The City of Birmingham School is a specialist Council School for Children with complex needs. Children who are remanded in care to the Council are usually taught here. The Gravelly Hill Centre is a specialist Key Stage 4 area. The School is located right on the proposed border from the commission which would break the Gravelly Hill community in half.

The naming of the school again highlights the recognition both the local authority and external partners give to the community of Gravelly Hill.

Source: http://www.cityofbirminghamschool.com/gravelly-hill-centre/

D - Jaffray Care Society, Gravelly Hill
The Jaffray Care Society are located on Jaffray Road, Gravelly Hill, near to the new build homes on the small Limes development. The care group developed in a number of the historic Gravelly Hill houses in the surrounding roads and provides elderly residents in the local area with a high standard of care.

E - Gravelly Hill Industrial Park
Located between the M6, to the south, and the Tyburn Road to the north, the Gravelly Hill Industrial Park is a local area of industry providing employment for Gravelly Hill residents.
F - Former Gravel Pits

The former Gravel pits are located at the junction of Slade Road and Hillaries Road, at the top end of Powick Road and on the northern side of Salford Reservoir. While now mostly built over. The Gravel pits, being on a hillside are responsible for the area becoming known as Gravelly Hill. By Copeley Hill, there was the only caves in Birmingham, built into the sandstone cliffs. During World Ward Two these were used as air raid shelters for the Gravelly Hill community. Sadly these were demolished during the construction of the Gravelly Hill interchange junction.

Stockland Green South/Gravelly Hill North community

A - All Saints - Gravelly Hill Parish Church

All Saints Church, located on George Road, 50 yards from Slade Road, is a friendly and welcoming church. They have a variety of cultures and ages, from babies and preschool all the way up to senior citizens all are welcome and include in events at the Church. They use a mix of
traditional and new music, and take great delight in their musicians. The church has served as part of the heart of the Gravelly Hill community for over a 100 years.

**B - Slade Road Shopping Centre - see City Council map below**

Local residents are served by the Slade Road shopping centre which provides a variety of services for the ethnically diverse community of Gravelly Hill. The shopping centre runs down Slade Road from Albert Road to past George Road to the south were it meets one of the local primary schools serving the Gravelly Hill community, Slade Road School.

![Plan 51. Slade Road Neighbourhood Centre](image)

**C - Parish of Gravelly Hill boarder with Parish of Stockland Green**

The Parish of Gravelly Hill has a northern border of Reservoir Road/ Marsh Hill, apart from a small section south of this line. This is the natural community border with the Stockland Green area. The Gravelly Hill area is therefore being broken in half so that part of it can be added to the smaller Stockland Green community. While we would propose a northern border of Marsh Hill/Reservoir Road without any
break we would also accept the dip south by the junction as being a reasonable compromise.

www.achurchnearyou.com/gravelly-hill-all-saints/

J - Jam-E-Masjid Qiblah Hadhrat Sahib Gulhar Shareef
Birmingham, Gravelly Hill

The Mosque on Slade Road by the junction of Abbey Road, serves the local community from across Gravelly Hill. Residents come from both side of Gravelly Hill to come together in daily prayers. The Mosque also take an active role in supporting and helping the local community. Below is an old postcard of Slade Road, clearly listed as Gravelly Hill.
Stockland Green community

A - Witton Boating Lakes Car Park

The commission is proposing to put the Boating Lakes into a Stockland Green Ward, but the car park for the park has been put in to a Perry Common Ward. The car park is located by A on the map above. Under the commissions plans to use the car park and main entrance for the park residents would have to drive out of the ward and through another ward to get to it. The entrance is off Faulkner's Farm Drive, further proof that the Wyrley Birch area belongs with the Stockland Green community due to the shared park facility.
B - St Mark Stockland Green Parish Church
This is the local parish Church St Mark's.

C - Stockland Green Parish boundary

http://www.achurchnearyou.com/stockland-green-st-mark/

D - Short Heath Local Centre (not in the proposed Short Heath ward!)
The Short Heath Local Centre is actually the Stockland Green communities shopping centre, located on the junction of Marsh Lane and Marsh Hill, by the Green pub.

http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/spdlocalcentres
Erdington's Historic Heart

SHORT HEATH

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A - Court Lane Cottages

Dating back to the early Victorian time, the Court Lane terrace cottages, pictured, still has one of the original street signs on the side of the house. This sign clearly lists Court Lane, as part of Erdington.

B - Court Lane/Goosemoor Lane

Goosemoor Lane has always been considered part of Erdington Ward as long as there has been an Erdington Ward. Historically the border of Erdington has always been Court Lane until the Court Farm area of Perry Common was added in 2004. Below an old postcard of Court Lane is shown, clearly listing the area as part of Erdington.
C - Proposed Erdington Conservation Zone

The Victorian houses on Gravelly Lane, Norfolk, Somerset, Anderson Roads and Court Lane are all part of the proposed Erdington Conservation Zone that residents have been campaigning for. This old postcard of Gravelly Lane again shows the area is considered part of Erdington.

D - Stuart Court

The listed buildings now known as Stuart Court but formerly a turn of the century bank, stand on the corner of Gravelly Lane and Station Road. They form part of the run of historic listed buildings that flow through the centre of the Erdington community. The commissions proposal is to take these out of Erdington altogether.
E - Gravelly Lane/Station Road Shopping parade

As can be seen in the photo below, the junction of Gravelly Lane and then down Station Road to the top of Edwards Road has a shopping parade, made up mostly of Victorian buildings. Under the commissions plan this would

F - Erdington Train Station

Erdington Train station, forms the centre of the proposed Erdington Conservation Zone. It is from Erdington train station that the Victorian buildings in Erdington spread out as the village grow during the 1800's. The Train station links to a bus terminus on Sutton New Road and forms the main public transport link in the local area. The Erdington Train forms a key gateway to Erdington High Street and as such it remains vitally important that the High Street and the train station are kept together in an Erdington Ward to enable projects relating to them both to continue to be brought forward.
G - Erdington Royal Mail Depot

The Erdington Royal Mail Sorting Office has been located on Sutton Road for over 70 years. Being located on the western side of Sutton Road the commission have proposed taking this iconic Art Deco style building, a key part of the Erdington skyline, out of the Erdington

H - Erdington Police Station

Just up the road from the Royal Mail Depot, is the Erdington Police Station a well known local landmark in the community. The Police Station was located at the heart of the Community for the ease of access across the Erdington area, sadly this is proposed to be removed from the Erdington Ward put forward by the commission.
I - The Historic Erdington Cottages

Dating back to at least 1640, the Erdington Cottages which are the earliest remaining properties in Erdington from the original Erdington hamlet. These listed buildings form a key part of the heritage of the Erdington area. It is vital for the community that these are kept in Erdington not removed as is currently proposed.

J - Erdington Abbey and Erdington Abbey School

The historic 19th Century Erdington Abbey and it’s surround school and former monastery are listed buildings established in the heart of the Erdington Community. Indeed in the recent redevelopment of the former Lyndhurst Estate the estate was remained Abbey Fields to reflect it being built on the fields alongside the Abbey. One of the roads in the estate, Haigh Crescent, is named after Father Haigh who built the Abbey. The Abbey, as well as being a key part of Erdington, also clearly links into the Abbey Fields estate shaping the entire identity of the estate. The naming of the roads and the estates were all supported and agreed by local residents on the estate who felt the Abbey has a clear role in their community identity. Erdington Abbey is pictured overleaf next to the former Monastery (now High Clare School).
K - Erdington Coat of Arms on the old Tran Station

The last remaining public copy of the Erdington coat of arms is discussed previously but it important to emphasis here that under the commissions plans it would be taken out of Erdington Ward.

L - The Cross Keys

The Cross Keys pub is located on the junction of Edwards Road, Station Road and the High Street. Sadly the commission are proposing the removal of this area from Erdington Ward, including the top end of the High Street itself. On the Cross Keys pub website (http://www.thecrosskeyserdington.co.uk/) they clearly describe how they view themselves. They state “A Local Pub in the Heart of the Community in Erdington The Cross Keys is a local community pub that's proud to serve its regulars and friends from Erdington, Sutton Road, Swannies and Station Road. We are a well known landmark”.

The address of the pub is 15 High Street, Erdington. The pub goes closely with the Catholic Abbey, indeed the Abbey is the reason the pub is named the Cross Keys (pictured overleaf with the Abbey behind).
Cross Keys  Birmingham

About Us

A Local Pub in the Heart of the Community in Erdington.

The Cross Keys is a local community pub that's proud to serve its regulars and friends from Erdington, Sutton Road, Swansies and Station Road. We are a well-known landmark amongst the other pubs and bars in West Midlands.

Locals join us during the day.

Pub Details

Tel: 0121 322 2196
Email: Email Us

Address
Cross Keys, 5 High Street, Erdington, Birmingham, B23 6RG

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1000 - 0000 (Friday - Saturday)
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M - Osborne School - the former Erdington Town Council School

The school was built in Victorian times by the Erdington Urban District Council. The school was built to cope with the expansion of Erdington along Gravelly Lane/ Norfolk/Somerset Roads towards Court Lane. The only other School in Erdington was on Moor End Lane and is now an elderly person's home. The School forms a key part of the proposed Erdington Conservation Zone, being a terracotta design include a number of statues built into the external walls eg a bust of Queen Victoria, pictured on the side of the School.
A - The Ring, Shopping Parade

The Ring shopping parade is on Witton Lodge Road, the main road that goes through the middle of the Perry Common community. The commission proposes keeping Witton Lodge Road separated rather than combining it together in the same ward to unite the Perry Common community.

B - Turfpits Lane, Christian Centre

The Perry Common community is served by the Christian Centre on Turfpits Lane that operates over the area from Court Lane to College Road.

C - Turfpits Lane

Turfpits Lane is currently split between two wards, the road has a number of cul de sacs and openings directly onto the Perry Common recreation ground that runs along the back of Turfpits Lane. The public open space is intricately liked to residents lives on Turfpits Lane. To split Turfpits Lane from the Perry Common Recreation Ground is disgraceful. Particularly given the flooding issue that Turfpits Lane suffers from the brook on the Recreation Ground.
D - Hawthorn Brook Close
Under the proposals put forward for Hawthorn Brook Close, the road would not be connectable to the rest of Perry Common without going through other wards. The road has far more in common with Court Lane and should be in an Erdington Ward with the rest of Court Lane.

E - Flackwell Road shops
The collection of 5 shops on Flackwell Road provide the secondary shopping centre for the Perry Common area. Located just off Witton Lodge Road they are used by residents of both the present Erdington and Kingstanding Wards. Placing this area in the Perry Common ward would reunite this community.

F - St Mary’s College
St Mary’s College, Chester Road, one of Perry Commons finest buildings

G - St Martin, Perry Common
The whole of Court Farm area falls under the St Martin parish. The Church is based on Witton Lodge Road and helps unite the community of Perry Common. Numerous community events and cake sales etc take place at the church each year.

http://www.achurchnearyou.com/perry-common-st-martin/
A - St Marks, Oscott - Parish Boundary

St Mark's is based in the heart of the Oscott Community. The parish boundary has historically been down Kingstanding Road until you get to the junction with Hawthorn Road. This is the recognised border that local residents understand.
B - The case of the two Greggs!
Due to the nature of the barrier of Kingstanding Road at this point, it has always been the case that Kingstanding residents will not cross into Oscott and vice versa. This is why Greggs have two shops almost opposite each other at this point on the Kingstanding Road. This is too the extent you can actually see the other Greggs when standing outside one of them.

C - The Drakes Drums
The Drakes Drum although only down the road from the Golden Hind, is clearly known as being part of Oscott/Great Barr. Where as just down the road local pubs are known as being part of Kingstanding's community. http://www.sizzlingpubs.co.uk/findapub/eastandwestmidlands/thedrakesdrumgreatbarr
A - Golden Hind Pub

The Golden Hind Pub is one of Kingstandings most recognisable pubs. Located on Kingstanding Road by the corner of Greenholm Road. The pub clearly lists itself as part of the Kingstanding Community. It's address is Kingstanding and their website states that “Here at The Golden Hind you'll find everything you'd expect from a traditional local pub in Kingstanding - but with a bit of added sizzle”.
Welcome to The Golden Hind in Kingstanding

Get a little sizzle from your local

Here at The Golden Hind you'll find everything you'd expect from a traditional local pub in Kingstanding - but with a bit of added sizzle.

Just a stone's throw from College Road, Aldridge Road and Greenholm Road, we're the perfect place to watch the footy with friends or enjoy a bit of banter over your favourite beers. We serve up a fantastic range of drinks with prices to match, together with our famous sizzling skillets or flame-grilled burgers if you fancy a bite with your pint.

The Golden Hind
Kingstanding Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham, West Midlands, B44 8JR

http://www.sizzlingpubs.co.uk/findapub/eastandwestmidlands/thegoldenhindkingstanding

B - Kingstanding Royal Mail Sorting Office

The Kingstanding Royal Mail Sorting Office on Kingstanding Road has been placed in the Oscott Ward. This is a clear part of the Kingstanding Community and should be kept together with it’s Royal Mail depot, pictured overleaf.
C - Hawthorn Road Shopping Centre

The Hawthorn Road Shopping Centre is currently split between the Kingstanding and Oscott wards. The Hawthorn Road Traders group is backing our proposal to have all of the High Street put into the Kingstanding Ward which is has much more in common with. Indeed Tesco the largest trader on the High Street itself refers to the store as being it's Kingstanding store and that it is located in Kingstanding.

Source:- http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk/?bID=6046
D - Warren Farm Island

The Public open space on Warren Farm Road is a well known and well used local park bringing together the Kingstanding Community.

E - The Pimple Park

The Pimple Park, was established when the estate was built and is one of a number of green spaces that stretch through Kingstanding to give residents access to parks.

F - Finchley Park

Finchley park is the northern most park in Kingstanding that provides recreation facilities for the area round Finchley Road and Twickenham Road.

G - College Road Parish Border and Parish Border with Oscott

The two Parish maps overleaf show how the Kingstanding Road and Greenholm Road have traditionally clearly separated Oscott from the Warren Hill/Anstey Road areas. Historically the Oscott area has clearly been bounded by Kingstanding Road to the East, Greenholm Road to the South and the City border to the rest of the length of the area.
H - Burford Road Playing Fields, Kingstanding

The local community asset, the Burford Playing Fields, are a well used set of Football Fields, as can be seen from the facebook screenshot below, they are clearly part of Kingstanding, despite the commissions proposal to keep them out of Kingstanding.


Where our proposed changes are:-

On the following pages we outline all the changes we are asking the commission to make.

The following area from the draft Kingstanding Ward should move into Oscott Ward

The Bandywood area, has always been in Oscott Ward, since the area was formed upon joining Birmingham. The Bandywood family project
that used to operate was open to residents from across the Oscott area. By returning this area to the Oscott Ward then the Kings Road area which has been broken with some houses in Oscott and some in Kingstanding can be reunited. This change would also keep the local church parish united in the same ward.

The following area from Oscott Ward should move into Kingstanding Ward

The Kingstanding area round Kingstanding Road near, the Sorting Office and Golden Hind. The return of this area, with a Kingstanding postal address, back to the area it feels more closely connected. This proposal will also ensure that Warren Road, and Hawthorn Road Shopping Centre are kept in the same ward rather than being used for a boundary. Particularly given that Warren Road is a quiet residential road and not a major barrier at all.
The following area from the draft Erdington Ward should be moved into Perry Common Ward

Moving this area back to Perry Common would allow the Witton Lodge Road area to be kept in the same ward. This would also enable the Turfpits Lane area which has regular flooding from the brook on the Perry Common Recreation Ground to be in the same ward as each other. This will ensure residents have a better level of communication with the Council about this major local issue.
The area in blue should move into Erdington Ward from the draft Pype Hayes Ward

This area runs up to the Erdington Parish border, a border which has existed since the 17th/18th Century. This area has always clearly been in Erdington. This area also includes the last public copy of the Erdington Coat of Arms. Clearly for the community this area must be restored to Erdington.
The area in blue should move into Pype Hayes Ward from the draft Tyburn Ward.

This area which is mostly part of the parish of Pype Hayes should be moved into a Pype Hayes Ward. This allows the shared community features to be retained between Birches Green and Pype Hayes.
The area in blue should move into Stockland Green Ward from the draft Perry Common Ward.

This part of Stockland Green that was built around the park should be moved from Perry Common to Stockland Green Ward to match with the local community identity.
Conclusion

Our proposals offer a vastly improved equality of electors for the Boundary Commission but more importantly offer a clear and simple way to keep the basis of the Boundary Commission proposals but amended to clear meet the views of local residents.

Given this clear community and cross party support we ask the commission to support our amendments and change their draft proposals for North Birmingham accordingly.

That will deliver a two member Erdington Ward which would include all of the areas that have been in Erdington Wards since Erdington joined Birmingham in 1911. A two member Oscott Ward include the historic parts that have been in Oscott since the Ward was created. A two member Kingstanding Ward reuniting the Hawthorn Road as residents have asked for. A two member Stockland Green ward include all the areas that people submitted should be in Stockland Green at the previous consultation. A single member Pype Hayes Ward, single member Castle Vale ward, single member Perry Common ward with all of Perry Common and a Tyburn single member ward, which could also be called Gravelly Hill Ward.

Thank you
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Appendix showing the clear and simple changes we are requesting to make the boundaries fit community identities