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Request to rename the new ' Monyhull' ward 'Druids Heath and Monyhull'

The new ward is mainly composed of Druids Heath and Monyhull housing estates. Druids Heath is geographically the biggest estate and has nearly 4 times the population of the Monyhull estate. The Druids Heath name links back to the mid 19th century. We have spoken to a lot of residents over the last few weeks and they want to see the name retained.

Druids Heath is a very deprived area with many tower blocks and little in the way of political engagement. The area is much neglected with high anti-social behaviour and poor levels of academic achievement and skills. The council is working with the Government to look at regeneration options as it is the last estate in Birmingham not to have major investment. At this point, when it is getting ready to shine, it should not be wiped off the political map.

For these reasons many of the residents have not engaged with this commission, indeed, were unaware of any plans to change the boundaries, and without our campaigning would yet again been 'done to' instead of 'done with'. It is simply unfair that the views of residents in middle class areas are acted upon as they are used to the formal mechanisms of engagement whilst the poorest are ignored, as they are not.

After consultation with the community we ask you to name the ward 'Druids Heath and Monyhull'

Yours Faithfully
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