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Birmingham Boundary Review - Balsall Heath

I am writing in response to the Commission's request for views on Balsall Heath boundaries.

The current proposals will split Balsall Heath along the Moseley Road. This is very problematic, not least given the current Neighbourhood Plan and regeneration activity in the area.

In reality Councillors in Sparkbrook Ward Will always drawn to Sparkbrook, an area that has many challenges and hence represents a big workload for local representatives. However, to make the most of the current work it is important to maintain both sides of the Moseley Road in one ward.

It seems to me that this should be possible without having too much impact on the population in the proposed wards. I suggest adopting the train line as the ward boundary. This would effect a small number of residences (including mine) but would keep the heart of the shopping centre intact as well as preserving a proper focus on the Neighbourhood Plan. The Boundary should run from Brighton are in the South to Highgate Road in the North.

I believe this solution will have much practical benefit for little population shift from the draft proposals. Balsall Heath has in itself much need for regeneration and yet has being very innovative in developing its Neighbourhood Plan. Splitting the boundary could impede progress.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Howell