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4th February 2016

Local Government Boundary Commission for England,
14th Floor,
Millbank Tower,
Millbank,
London,
SW1P 4QP

Dear Sir,

Re: Birmingham Boundary Commission Proposal – Northfield Area

I write as a local City Councillor to ask you to re-consider your proposals for the Northfield area.

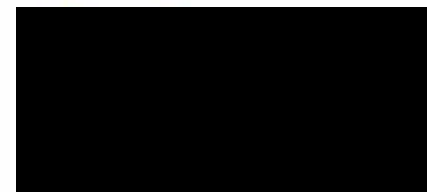
Northfield has a very distinct community area including St. Laurence Church, its schools and Northfield Shopping Centre. The proposals tabled by your Commission at the beginning of December seek to split that and put St. Laurence Schools, Northfield Library, Northfield Institute, Victoria Common and Northfield Town Centre into a Ward to be called Bournville and Cotteridge. This is obviously not in line with the way that the community regard its area.

In fact your plan seeks to divide into two the Northfield Shopping Offer whereas local community regard it as unique and distinct centre, the second most popular in the city. In 2012 the shopkeepers across the whole of the Northfield Shopping Offer came together in a Business Improvement District and have been instrumental in helping to promote a shopping offer as a whole.

The splitting of St. Laurence Church away from its primary schools, approximately 100 yards away from the Church, is similarly regarded. Also Community Groups have use of facilities at St. Laurence's Church and Pastoral Centre and is regarded as a centre for community activity for the area. The amenities they provide are essential to the wellbeing of the residents of Northfield.

Finally, the Parish Boundary for St. Laurence Church reaches from Tessall Lane in Northfield across to Staple Lodge Road in Northfield and it will be a great pity for this natural and historic boundary to be split as the Boundary Commission is presently intending.

Yours faithfully,



COUNCILLOR RANDAL BREW

BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSAL

We, the undersigned, respectfully ask the Boundary Commissioner to amend the proposals for the Northfield area, to return the St Laurence Schools, Victoria Common and Northfield Shopping Centre, to Northfield Ward rather than include them in the proposed Bournville Ward which has absolutely nothing in common with our community. We also request that the proposed Northfield East and Northfield West Wards are combined into a Northfield Ward which would represent more effectively the whole Northfield community.

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