

## Birmingham District

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### Comment text:

Dear Sir It is with regret and sadness that I have been made aware regarding the boundaries in the ward of Hall Green are being considered to be moved. In particular to be incorporated with the industrial area of Tyseley Birmingham 11. There is considerable opposition from residents of Hall Green and I must say with justification. Apart from the horrendous inconvenience of local company signage and shops having to display a new postal addresses and all printed matter and advertising to be altered, everyone who receives deliveries either commercial or domestic will have to contact their supplier to inform them of these changes. Historically, Hall Green has been an area of great significance and perceived as a traditional leafy suburb where people aspire to move from the more industrial areas, Tyseley being one of them. I have lived the last 70 years in both wards, spending my childhood years in Tyseley and adult years in Hall Green and so feel qualified to voice a balanced perspective. The community spirit and residents solidarity within Hall Green is reputedly the most flourishing of any other ward in Birmingham and rightly so, residents are proud to live in the area of B28. • The reasons given for this boundary disruption as I understand are: To reduce the current figure of three councillors per ward, to one per ward. In effect getting one councillor to do the work of three men. • In a ward that could possibly be enlarged to three times its current size through a boundary change. • One councillor left to deal with a rapidly growing population which could possibly see the amount of residents trebled within the next 20 years. This is a ludicrous proposal and financial suicide. I have attended local meetings under the banner of 'save B28' and the feelings are running very high against the proposals to interfere with the boundaries. The consensus of opinion by residents of B28 is unanimous; leave the boundaries as they are. Whichever Government or Council body that backs and approves these proposals can expect a significant reduction of votes for their party at future polls from the residents of B28. The proposal of these Boundary changes appear to have been brought to the attention of the general public in an extremely subdued and restrained manner by the local Birmingham Council, the publicity if any, has been nondescript. Whether intentionally or just an oversight is debatable. This has resulted in a large proportion of the residents of B28 not being made aware of the Boundary proposals and therefore have not had an opportunity to voice their opinions. This whole affair leaves one with a very uneasy feeling regarding the whole aspect of public consultation and participation and is perhaps worthy of being mentioned in the House. Lord Hunt DSO.

### Uploaded Documents:

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