

Electoral Review of Bromsgrove – Response to Proposal dated 26 Feb 2013

Fairfield Ward

The proposal to dissolve Woodvale Ward which includes Fairfield is misguided. Woodvale has existed for a number of years and there is a strong community spirit encompassing Fairfield, Bournheath and Dodford with Grafton. Formal and informal relationships exist between the respective Parish Councils (on matters such as traffic and planning etc), churches and schools etc.. Joint PACT meetings, for example have been held successfully for the whole of Woodvale ward etc etc and the village shop in Fairfield is well used by residents from Bournheath and Dodford

Equally, Romsley village is geographically and emotionally some great distance from Fairfield. There little or no contact between the villages and there is no perceptible community spirit encompassing them. They would make strange bedfellows indeed and I wonder what is was that the Boundary Commission had it in mind when they have proposed join them together in a District Council Ward. What was the evidence that there was a meaningful connection between the village? Or was it just a matter of getting the numbers right? It would appear that the Boundary Commission is more concerned than with numbers than communities.

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Subject: Electoral Review of Bromsgrove District dated 26 Feb 2013 - Hagley Village

I support the proposals incorporated in the above because at long last all the area of Hagley village is within the community of Hagley either in Hagley East or Hagley West and no part salami sliced of to another ward.

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District Councillor

Hagley Ward

Bromsgrove District Council