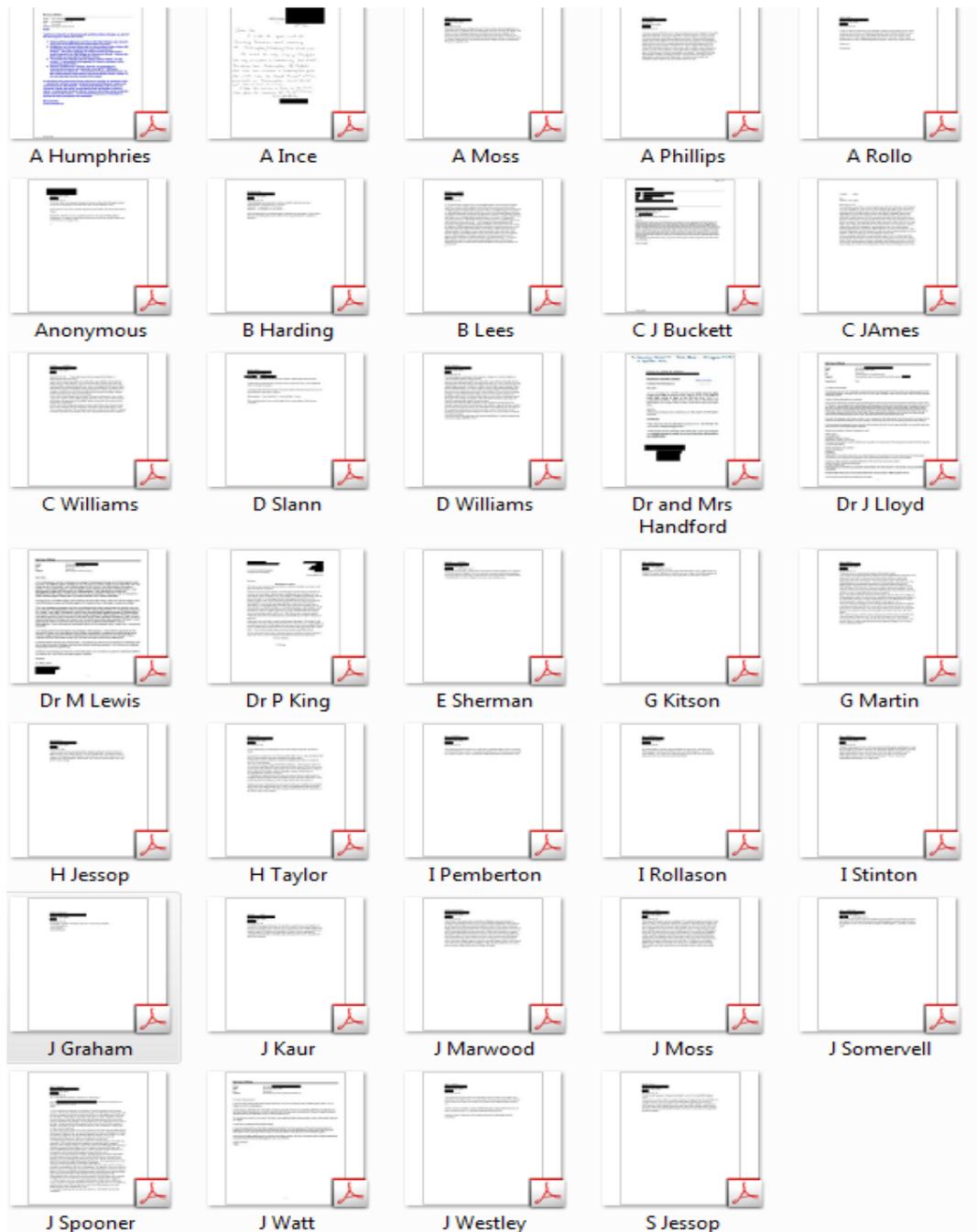


## Local residents' submissions to the Bromsgrove District Council electoral review

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**Morrison, William**

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**From:** Andy Humphries [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 December 2012 11:14  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Bromsgrove District Council

**Hello**

**I wish to comment on the proposed ward boundary changes as part of the Bromsgrove electoral review.**

- 1. Hopwood has nothing in common with Barnt Green and should stay part of the Alvechurch Parish Ward structure.**
- 2. Properties in Latimer Road and on the southern side of Bear Hill and Station Road should remain part of Alvechurch Village....they have nothing in common with the more rural areas referred to in the review as Alvechurch South. I know this personally as a resident of Station Road.**
- 3. The proposed changes above simply reflect criteria 1 in the review....a perception that equality of elector numbers is the overriding factor here.**
- 4. Elector numbers are a factor, but this is secondary to community interests and identity (criteria 2) ....and also secondary to criteria 3....convenience of Local Government. In the current world of business, the convenience of the “seller” is not as important as the needs of the buyer.**

**In summary the proposed review exercise is largely an academic one ....seeking to achieve greater statistical equality between wards and convenience for the District. Community identity and a focus on customer needs are being overlooked as the proposals currently stand. I understand the local Parish Council and other local residents share much of the above....and therefore hope you will be able to ensure the draft proposals are amended.**

**Many thanks  
Andy Humphries**

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5 JAN 1955

2nd Jan.

Dear Sir

I write to agree with the Boundary Commission report concerning the Belbroughton / Fairfield / Bell Heath area.

It would be very wrong if Fairfield lost any councillors as traditionally Bell Heath has always been Belbroughton. If Fairfield did lose one councillor & Belbroughton gain this would make the Parish Council's position unworkable as Belbroughton would always win when it came to a vote.

I hope this arrives in time as the local paper gives the deadline for the 9<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature]

arthur moss



Member of the public



03/01/2013 15:30

Having lived in this part of Hagley for over 30 years I have always thought that it is ridiculous that we should be part of Belbroughton and Clent. We have no affinity with that area. All our shopping, education and interests are focused on Hagley. The natural boundary for Hagley West Ward would be from the dual carriageway into Western Road then joining Newfield Road to Kidderminster Road - as anybody could see if they walked the area. This area should also be Hagley Parish not Clent Parish. Please get it right this time.

adrian phillips

[REDACTED]

householder

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

03/01/2013 21:23

i am most concerned that the review does not address the needs of people living in the triangle bounded by western road, newfield road and south road. we live less than 400 metres from the main hagley village area, send our children to hagley schools, register with hagley surgery and use hagley rail station. yet all the local functions which impact on our daily lives are not in our democratic influence and similarly the democratic processes for our neighbourhood are towards belbroughton and clent. belbroughton is approxiamtely 2.5 miles away. clent is slightly closer but has no village as all the main facilities are closed down. how can these centres influence us (and vica versa) at such a distance, especuially when we belong to Hagley and are only in Clent because of history (when hagley was smaller). i strongly believe that Thickenall Rise should be in Hagley District so that my democratic rights can be appropriately enacted and more importantly, i can play an active part in the community which influences my environment and vica versa.

Allan Rollo

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

04/01/2013 14:25

I wish to lodge my opposition to the boundary changes to the Furlongs Ward, which would see my local area to fall under the Romsley Ward. Madeley Heath, Newtown and Bell End have been part of the Belbroughton Parish since Saxon times. This change I feel is wholly inappropriate and one I object to strongly. All the village infrastructure is closer in Belbroughton than Romsley. Please leave things as they are.

Thank you

Allan Rollo



Member of the public



04/01/2013 13:41

"I write to object to the proposed change to the areas within the Belbroughton parish in respect of integrating areas north of the A491 into the Romsley ward.

I do not believe our needs would be adequately represented by the proposed boundary change.

My family and I have always considered ourselves to be part of Belbroughton. Furthermore, we support village fund raising events and use the village facilities and local business on a regular basis.

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Brenda Harding



Member of the public



06/01/2013 22:42

"The distribution of councillors to electors would be fairer on this basis:

Belbroughton 7 councillors to 151 electors

Fairfield 5 councillors to 155 electors

Bell End 2 councillors to 141 electors

Bell End should not be regarded as part of Romsley for any purpose. It has always been part of Belbroughton and residents do not regard themselves as linked to Romsley."

Barbara LEES

Member of the public

04/01/2013 15:18

"re:The Boundary Commissions recommendation that a third ward of Bell Heath should be created in Belbroughton Parish.If this third ward is created I would support the number and distribution of councillors recommended by the Commission i.e. Belbroughton 6, Bell Heath 2 Fairfield 6. I believe the Belbroughton councillors are using the opportunity created by this discussion to increase their number of parish councillors to 9 in total and decrease Fairfield to 5. I feel this is totally wrong because Bell Heath is part of Belbroughton and will remain so even if it is designated a separate parish ward. Bell Heath residents consider they live in Belbroughton and will continue to be proud to do so. As no changes are being proposed to the boundaries of population of Belbroughton Parish there is no logical reason to change the numbers of Belbroughton and Fairfield councillors. Fairfield ward covers a very large area and needs its present number of councillors to effectively represent its scattered number of residents. As an ex parish councillor I am well aware of the problems arising from Belbroughton councillors being able to out-vote Fairfield, always to Belbroughton's advantage, and believe the proposals put forward by Belbroughton councillors would considerably exacerbate the divide. To increase Belbroughton's majority on the council is unjustifiable in terms of fairness and democracy because it would render Fairfield incapable of having any influence on council policy.

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[REDACTED]

**Sent:** 28 November 2012 19:51  
**To:** 'reviews@lbgce.org.uk'  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Boundaries Review Bromsgrove

Dear Sir,

I have just been made aware of the Boundary Commission's review proposal to link Barnt Green with Hopwood rather than as present with Cofton Hackett. Frankly I am appalled by this. It totally ignores strong links between these two. One of the main links is that they are one as a church parish. As such Cofton Hackett residents use the leisure facilities in Barnt Green and the Parish Centre ( Village Hall ) as well as worshipping at services in St Andrews Barnt Green Church and the reverse happens with Barnt Green residents worshipping in St Michaels Cofton Hackett. One road is BG one side and CH the other side, and they are joined by another road. I have lived in Barnt Green for 32 years and am not aware of any ties between Barnt Green and Hopwood. Even before Barnt Green became a separate parish there were no links.

To break this long association merely to play the numbers game is totally thoughtless and without merit.  
Yours faithfully,

Cecil J Buckett

Caroline James

N/a

Member of the public

06/01/2013 15:34

"I would like to request that serious thought be given the the boundaries in the Hagley areas; Newfield Road, south road and Western Road and smaller roads off these are currently in Furlongs and are proposed to be in Clent and Belbroughton - this is not appropriate as we consider ourselves part of the Hagley community and use and support their facilities and community services. Clent amenities and services are physically separate from us ( we are separated from them by the A491 and it is much further to walk or drive to them) and do not provide us with many benefits or services that we can utilise. The councillors cannot fully represent us as they do not live in the Hagley area of the ward and therefore do not always have our best interests at heart - witness their total lack of support or representation of our views in the current planning applications in our locality. Belbroughton is even less connected to us. The proposal of splitting Newfield road part way up also seems random and purely to help numbers -it does not make any 'local community' sense at all.

From a community and effective representation point of view I would request that Newfield road and Western road and connected addresses become part of one of the Hagley Wards; this is where our local community and affinities are and we would best be served by representation by Hagley councillors who would be more pro-active in representing our concerns for local amenities which are based in Hagley, not in clent."

Carolyn Williams

Member of the public

03/01/2013 19:30 "I am totally against being changed from Hagley to Belbroughton and Clent Ward.

I have lived at my present address for nearly forty years, and have always been in Hagley Ward. Gallows Brook is on my garden boundary and has always been the parish boundary, and should stay that way. I am very disappointed that the residents concerned have not been notified by letter. I have only found this, by chance, on the internet. The majority of residents in Brookland Road are elderly and do not have a computer, therefore they have no knowledge of these proposed boundary changes, therefore the objections will not be a true figure.

I have always found Hagley Parish Council very good at backing the views of their votees this cannot be said for Belbroughton and Clent ward. I refer to Cllrs Boswell and Sherrey who put personal 'friendships' before acting in the best interests of the people who voted them in.

ie The Cala/ Lord Cobham development, where both of these cllrs. refused to back their votees, therefore I do not want these councillors on my parish council, and I wish to remain in Hagley. I have a Hagley postcode, it takes me less than five minutes to walk to my parish council office, this is the ward I should, and want to remain in."

David Slann

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

"I live in the Bell End area but feel more linked to Belbroughton than Romsley.

I understand that the Boundary Commission has suggested a new ward, Bell Heath with two Parish Councillors.

I am happy with that proposal but feel that the number of Parish Council seats (12 in total) would be better split as follows:-

Belbroughton - 7 seats, Fairfield - 5 seats, Bell End - 2 seats

This would mean that there would roughly be the same number of electors per councillor "

David Williams

Member of the public

05/01/2013 01:30

"I wish to lodge my objection to the proposal to change my ward from Hagley to Clent and Belbroughton (Furlongs) Ward

I have lived at my present address for nearly forty years. Gallows Brook has always determined the Parish Boundary and it should stay that way. I have a Hagley postcode and all Hagley postcodes should be in Hagley Parish. Hagley Parish Council office is within walking distance, I will have to drive to Clent. In my opinion Furlongs ward have no interest whatsoever, in the wardee's residing in Hagley. Cllrs. Boswell and Sherrey have not supported the majority of their wardee's over the Cala development in Hagley, which could mean that children in their ward will be excluded from Haybridge High School. Cllr. Boswell has made it clear that she is remaining neutral due to her long standing 'friendship' with Lord Cobham. I find this disgusting, she should be supporting the people who put her there.

I am also very annoyed, along with many of my neighbours that this proposed boundary change has only become known to us yesterday. Many do not have internet access and it is too late to write in. Be assured all of my neighbours are very angry at the seemingly underhand way this has been done, surely we should have been notified by post of the proposed changes, in order for you to get a proper assessment of resident's feelings.

I do not want to be in a ward with cllrs. Boswell and Sherrey. I want to remain in the ward of the village WHERE I LIVE."

To: Boundary Commission Review Officer . Bromsgrove, EC14 5LG  
10 December 2012

From Dr. D.J. and Mrs. M. Handford  
[REDACTED]

Objections to boundary changes

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North and West Bromsgrove

11 DEC 2012

TRAFFIC

p. 11 n. 63 and p.12 n. 65 We now even more **easily cross the main north-south traffic movement on the A491** by means of the **efficient traffic light system in place in the Bell Inn area**. There is a considerable East-West traffic follow at this point as Bell Heath and Belbroughton are strongly linked socially, as they have been since Saxon times.

SOCIAL

All our social and personal connections are with people in Belbroughton and Clent

SUMMARY

**\*\*The objections from the Boundary Commission are not relevant. The A491 is not a strong barrier, far from it.**

**\*\*The pressure for the updating of the traffic light system at the Bell Inn was precisely because so many of us travel down into Belbroughton on a regular basis.**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Morrison, William

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**From:** John Lloyd [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 January 2013 16:36  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Cc:** 'ALLAN HOOD'; 'Scott MacDonald'  
**Subject:** Proposed Boundary Changes Bell Heath Belbroughton [REDACTED]

**Importance:** High

To whom it may concern

The proposal set out in the consultation recommends that the Belbroughton Parish boundary be changed using the A491 as the new boundary, all areas to the East, Bell End, Bell Heath, Madeley Heath, Newtown and Hollies Hill becoming part of Romsley Parish.

I object to these proposals on two grounds

Firstly, these settlements have been part of Belbroughton since the Saxon period and Norman Domesday records of the 11<sup>th</sup> Century. The population has varied greatly during subsequent history up to the present and will continue to do so into the future. To take the A491 as a physical boundary is erroneous and arbitrary. It is not the road or indeed any other in the area which form a physical boundary but the Clent and Lickey Hills outliers including Romsley Hill, Hollies Hill and Walton Hill. Water to the south and west of these drains in to the Severn (Atlantic) whilst those to the East drain into the Tame Blythe basin and into the Trent (North Sea.) These settlements themselves are at or close to the same height above sea level as Belbroughton to the south, Romsley being much higher and to the north.

Secondly, the changes would resolve nothing. I am in agreement with Belbroughton Parish Councillors who argue that to implement the proposed changes would do nothing to resolve the issues as set out and that disparity would continue.

The Commission's proposals for new Wards for the Bromsgrove District Council argue that both new councillor seats are drawn from the current Belbroughton allocation.

Number of councillors / Number of electors in ward

Belbroughton

Fairfield Bell End

Current 8 / 1341 6 / 774 n/a

Proposed 6 / 1058 6 / 774 2 / 283

In the current council the number of electors per councillor is not equal and if the proposals are implemented the disparity is further exacerbated:

Number of electors per councillor

Current 168 129 n/a

Proposed

176 129 141

Belbroughton Councillors believe this is an unfair allocation of councillors in the Parish and counter to the Boundary Commission's own objective of equalisation when redrawing the Bromsgrove District Council Wards.

I believe, as they do that an equitable distribution of the Parish Council seats would be:

Number of seats / Electors per councillor

7 / 151 5 / 155 2 / 141

**This would ensure the fairest practicable representation of all the electors in the parish and accountability of councillors.**

**Therefore Bell Heath and its associated settlements should remain in Belbroughton Parish**

I look forward to receiving your response to this matter

Yours sincerely

*John Lloyd*

Dr John Lloyd



## Morrison, William

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**From:** Mary Lewis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 January 2013 13:20  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Belbroughton Parish Boundary

Dear Sirs,

I am emailing you in order to express my outrage at the proposed change to the Belbroughton ward boundary. As a Belbroughton resident for over 30 years I currently reside just over the A491 from the village centre. Growing up I went to Belbroughton First School, I use Belbroughton Recreation Centre, I vote in Belbroughton, I use the doctors at the Glebelands Surgery in Belbroughton, I use Belbroughton village hall. My family live in Belbroughton. I can walk from my house into BELBROUGHTON village, not Romsley! I do not use any facilities in Romsley, it is 1.4 miles to the centre of Belbroughton village from my house whereas it is 2.7miles to Romsley.

Having grown up in Belbroughton and lived here all of my life I have a deep love for the village, and I want my children to grow up in Belbroughton. If I wanted to live in Romsley I would move there!!

This is an outrageous proposal and I do not understand how this proposal can go through when we have not been consulted and only find out about with 3 day to object! (only 1/2 working day notice as it's a friday - may I add) That seems to me to stink of plans being sneaked through by the boundary commission. Would this result in my address being changed from Belbroughton to Romsley with the post office? Would it mean councillors in Romsley parish make decisions that affect my life? If I don't use any facilities in Romsley why would I want to vote for councillors that represent Romsley? I want to be able to vote for councillors who have the power to influence the facilities I use (in Belbroughton). I have not received any details about the full proposal, only a notice from a concerned councillor.

I am deeply concerned and object very strongly to this proposal. I hope that this proposal can be annulled or at the very least delayed until a proper consultation of residents is performed as there must be a legal requirement for the residents to be informed in advance of any change? This is supposed to be a democratic society yet I am not consulted and it directly affects me!

I look forward to hearing your prompt reply. I can assure you that I do not want to live in Romsley and do not see how such a decision can be made without notifying residents. I will continue to challenge this proposal at every opportunity.

Are there any meetings at which this will be discussed, as I would be very keen to attend and defend my position as a born and bred Belbroughton resident.

Regards,

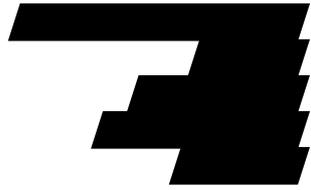
Dr. Mary Lewis

[REDACTED]





Local Government Boundary  
Commission for England.



30 November 2012

Dear Sirs,

**Bromsgrove review**

I like the present situation where we have two District Councillors covering a ward that is the same as our parish.

If, however, there is to be a change, I would suggest that the objective should be to ward the whole of Hagley village together, including the part of Hagley this is in Clent Parish, which I will refer to as “West Hagley” though the term strictly refers to part of our parish. I would suggest that the starting point should be the A491 (Hagley-Lydiat Ash), which should be the boundary between the ward containing Clent and Holy Cross on the one hand and Hagley on the other (SO913804 to SO914800). I would suggest that Thickenall Lane, being closer to Hagley than to Clent should be warded with Hagley. A rational continuation of the boundary would be down the centre of Western Road (to SO 910799) and then along the drive past Field House, which is a public right of way (perhaps to SO912792), then cutting across the Thickenall Lane (to SO910791). This will provide a smooth boundary, without the salient between Thickenall Lane and Mill Brook, provided by the present proposals.

If there are to be two Hagley wards, I would suggest the names “West Hagley” and “Wychbury” for them. If this proposal results in too many electors, causing Hagley to be under-represented, I would suggest that rural parts of our parish (including Wassell Grove) could be placed in the next ward, for which I would suggest the name “Clent Hills”. However this might produce an inconveniently small Parish Ward.

We are at one end of the district, so that the options available are relatively limited. I express no views as to how boundaries should be set in the rest of the district.

Yours Faithfully,

P.W. King

Edward Sherman

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

03/01/2013 16:37

Hagley needs to become a unified Ward. Our Parish Council could then act on behalf of ALL the people of Hagley. There are currently too many divided interests and the proposal to keep part of Hagley in the Furlongs Ward is preposterous. Newfield Road , South Road etc. are ALL in Hagley. Lets have some common sense.

Gill Kitson

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

07/01/2013 13:32

The proposal of taking 2 councillors from the Belbroughton ward to Bell Heath isn't balanced. To achieve balance it would be necessary to take 1 from Belbroughton and 1 from Fairfield, thereby having a more equal ratio of councillors to electors.

Gary Martin

Member of the public

05/01/2013 17:17

"With reference to your proposed changes of the voting 'wards'.

I feel I must stated our disagreement with the draft recommendations which have been proposed by the LGBCE. (who are located in London and have no personnel connection to the areas in question). We ourselves have lived in the parish of Belbroughton for 10 years and have voted on all of the parish council decisions. We actually purchased our property knowing it to be located within the parish of Belbroughton, and that we were able to vote within the parish on all things related with the village. The LGBCE are advising a change to the ward boundaries, (on the request of the local council, granted) and of which they have no personnel connection, to tell us to vote in a parish we do not wish to be part of?

We are located on the border of the proposed changes and are closer to the village of Belbroughton (in which we can have a say and benefit from parish proposals) than we are of Romsley (which we would not benefit from as we use Belbroughton village)

So the question is, would we vote in a Romsley ward? answer....No.

That is of course our perogative. But is moving the boundaries to make this equal for councillors justified, and what the voters want? are the people that do not want the proposals to go ahead going to vote in the future if they are forced to vote in a parish they have no connection with, and will arguably not benefit from? have they been asked?

Also, will the changes alter the school catchment area? This in turn would effect the value of property within this area. This decision will deprive us of local based involvement in the area we reside and also devalue our property as the parish we live in and work in is a more desirabile one than the proposed changes. We will never vote in a Romsley parish!"

Harold Jessop

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

5/01/2013 11:42

I wish to object to the proposed boundary change from Hagley ward to Clent and Belbroughton ward. Gallows Brook is the physical boundary, and should remain so. There are inadequacies within Furlongs ward, which I do not wish to be part of. I live within a few yards of Hagley Village centre, have always been in Hagley ward, and do not wish to change.

Hilary taylor

Member of the public

07/12/2012 21:42

"I am commenting on the boundary between Alvechurch Village & Alvechurch South.

It seems that you propose to cut-off Latimer Rd, Dellow Grove, Bear Hill, Robin Hill Drive, School Lane & Swan Street from the rest of the village.

I realise that you have done this to equalise the populations of the two wards, but there are 3 disadvantages.

- 1- You are not using ""strong identifiable boundaries"". Following the outskirts of Alvechurch would make more sense, using Bear Hill & Station St to the railway line.
- 2- The interests & identities of the people in the streets I listed fall in line with those of the village of Alvechurch, which is suburban in nature, and not those of Alvechurch South, which is a rural area.
- 3- Although my suggestion may mean that Alvechurch Village would be larger in population than Alvechurch South, it would be easier for the two councillors, as one would represent the builtup area of the village and the other the rural area.

The Rectory Lane, Withybed Green and Coopers Hill areas would fit more naturally into the rural Alvechurch South ward, as they are geographically distinct from the village area. This could be achieved by using the railway line and the stream east of the cricket field as the boundary."

Ian Pemberton

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

04/01/2013 14:33

The current proposal to remove two councillors from Belbroughton ward to create the new Bell End Ward is not fair. I strongly urge that the new ward (if necessary) should be created by losing a single councillor from both Belbroughton and Fairfield wards.

Ian Rollason

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

04/01/2013 00:39

My understanding is that the proposed number of electors per councillor in the Belbroughton, Fairfield and Bell End ward is to be Belbroughton - 176 Fairfield - 129, Bell End - 141. If this is the reality then this seems to me to be extremely undemocratic in favour of the electorate bin fairfield.

Ian Stinton



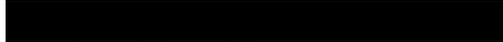
Member of the public



04/01/2013 12:34

I disagree with using the A491 as the break point for Belbroughton and Romsley wards this splits Bell End in half as the road runs through the middle of our hamlet. The Bell Pub at Belbroughton moves into Romsley Ward, surely Bell End should be in the Belbroughton Ward as there are lots of historic tie ups between bell end and belbroughton and none between bell end and Romsley. We are 1 mile from Belbroughton and Romsley is 3.5 miles away.

JOHN GRAHAM



Member of the public



04/01/2013 11:59

"Councillors should be decided on the basis of votes per councillor.

7 for Belbroughton

7 for Fairfield

2 for Bell Heath"

Jasmine Kaur

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

03/01/2013 13:36

I consider the proposed allocation of councillors is unfair based on the Number of Electors per councillor. The proposals gives 6 councillors for both Belbroughton and Fairfield - but Belbroughton contains almost 300 more electors. A fairer distribution based on approx 150 electors per councillor would be to give Belbroughton 7 councillors and Fairfield 5 councillors (after allowing for the 2 new councillors for Bell End if required).

JODIE MARWOOD

[REDACTED]

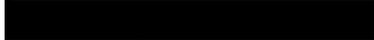
Member of the public

[REDACTED]

03/01/2013 16:32

I am a home owner and resident in Meadowcroft Hagley, and am currently in Furlongs/Clent Parish. However as I live a stones throw from Hagley Village and use the doctors, library, shops, recreation field/park, my children both walk to and attend Hagley Primary School and Haybridge I and my family use all of Hagleys facilities on a daily basis, and should therefore come under Hagley Parish Council, as we never use any of clent/Belbroughton facilities and never visit the area other than to commute through by vehicle. It has always been a mystery to me to receive clent parishes news letter informing me of street lighting issues, and verge mowing issues, and planning issues for an area I do not live in or even visit very often, as it is 3 miles from my home. I feel that all Hagley addresses should come under Hagley Parish Council, that is every home with a postal address of Hagley, as these are the people who are a stones throw from the village and use all the facilities of Hagley.

jennifer moss



Member of the public



03/01/2013 16:12

The proposed boundary line between Hagley West and Belbroughton and Clent Wards makes no sense, it is completely arbitrary as a glimpse of the map shows. All the area from where Western Road leaves the dual carriage-way down to Newfield Road and then to Kidderminster Road South is part of Hagley. The residents in this area will shop in Hagley, get medical services in Hagley etc. There is no link to Belbroughton and Clent. The issues in these areas are quite different. I accept the idea of making wards of roughly equal sizes but please not at the expense of artificial boundaries which make no geographical sense. The triangle made by Western Road/Newfield, Kidderminster Road and the A491 could either go into Hagley West or Hagley East depending on numbers. But please have some logic. Councillors representing Bellbroughton and Clent naturally press the interests of Bellbroughton and Clent. They see the area I have referred to as part of Hagley when it comes to providing services

jane somervell

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

05/01/2013 22:11

"Each councillor will not represent roughly the same number of voters if this proposal goes ahead. The allocation of councillors for Belbroughton should be higher to reflect the number of voters. A fair allocation would be: Belbroughton 7; Fairfield 5 and Bell End 2.  
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Janet Spooner

Member of the public

05/01/2013 20:32

"Re - Consultation Boundary Commission - Bromsgrove

I live at [REDACTED] currently in Furlongs Ward, Belbroughton Parish Council.

Issues:

1. The consultation on the part of our District Council Bromsgrove has been non-existent. We are not circulated with the local paper 'The Bromsgrove Messenger' and therefore although we had heard vaguely about a review and joining up of areas had no idea how it would affect us. I found out by chance with an e-mail from a friend. Even our District Councillor had no idea what the implications of the review were until I e-mailed him last Thursday. In the democracy we are supposed to live in this is dreadful. I understand that Belbroughton Parish Council has it on their agenda on Monday 7th January, too late I would presume for your consultation. Perhaps they too have been ill-informed.
2. With the proposed changes our ward would move from the Furlongs Belbroughton Ward to the Romsley Ward. An elected representative living in Hunnington, Romsley or Framkely would have not the remotest empathy with our area covered as it is with quarries and landfill sites. Romsley is the other side of Clent, close to the conurbation of Halesowen and has no similarities with our area.
3. I understand the need to reduce the number of councillors and have the following suggestion. This would maintain the numbers of councillors that is proposed. The area of West Hagley which is on the other side of the Belbroughton PC boundary should be returned to either Hagley West or Hagley East instead of being in the proposed Belbroughton and Clent District. They are firmly in Hagley and have no recognisable links with the Belbroughton Parish or District Area. Then the new proposed District boundary of Belbroughton and Clent should follow the Belbroughton Parish Boundary at Woodfield Road to Hayes Farm and across Quantry Lane to Chadwich Lane and down to the A491 thereby enclosing Area E 'Bell Heath' within the Belbroughton and Clent District. The inappropriate use of the A491 as an arbitrary boundary would then be eliminated.
4. Further to the numbers equation I understand in the future there may be extensive housing by Birmingham in the area of Hunnington. The Romsley area has no need of further numbers. It is unlikely that numbers in the Bell Heath area will rise in the near future as it is in Green Belt, has substantial quarries and land fill areas and woodland, non of which can be built on. This would not increase the numbers of the Belbroughton Clent ward beyond what is acceptable. With the Hagley area returning to Hagley the review would not be in jeopardy by the changes I have suggested.
5. All the facilities I use are within the Belbroughton Parish District and this is where our District councillor should be located as is currently the case. The A491 is a relatively 'new' road. The area has been a part of the Belbroughton wards and Belbroughton for many hundreds of years.
6. The current proposals do not reflect the interests or the identity of our local community

I trust that my comments and those of others will be taken notice of.  
Yours sincerely,  
J.Spooner "

## Morrison, William

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**From:** jayne Wat [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 January 2013 19:50  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** RETENTION IN HAGLEY DISTRICT WARD will

To whom it may concern,

I wish to remain in the Hagley District Ward rather than move into a Furlongs Clent and Belbroughton Ward. I live in Hagley not Clent or Belbroughton.

I simply do not understand why I should be served by councillors who live in a completely different area. Naturally we will have different requirements. A recent example is the 2 Furlongs Ward councillors who refused to support residents' objections to the Cala application! This is of prime concern to me.

If I am forced to move to a new ward I will have no say regarding Hagley shops, parking, schools, clubs, public spaces in my village!

I would like to understand the benefits please?

I would also appreciate any information regarding linking this to current, planned and future housing development proposals. The reason of interest being that Pearmain Gardens and Cala developments would come under Clent and Belbroughton Ward, although built in Hagley, and possibly deflect developments in Clent and Belbroughton.

Surely living in Hagley entitles one to an opinion in facilities in Hagley. As far as I am aware living in Hagley supported by councillors living in Clent and Belbroughton is not in our interest.

3 Brook Crescent  
Hagley

John Westley

[REDACTED]  
Member of the public

[REDACTED]  
03/01/2013 10:50

"The proposals for new wards for Belbroughton Parish Council do not address the problem that Fairfield Ward is over represented at present and would still be with the current proposal to reduce the number of councillors in the Belbroughton Ward by two.

A fairer solution would be to reduce both Belbroughton and Fairfield Wards by one each to create a Ward of 2 Councillors in Romsley District Ward.

I enclose a copy of analysis of the numbers prepared by Belbroughton Parish Councillors"

Sheila Jessop

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

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05/01/2013 11:52

"I object to the proposal to change from Hagley ward to Clent and Belbroughton ward.

I do not drive, and can walk in a couple of minutes to Hagley Parish Council Office. I would be unable to get to any Clent and Belbroughton meetings. Several of my neighbours are retired and unable to drive, so they would be unable to get there too.

I live in Hagley, have a Hagley postcode, and do not wish to change wards. Gallows Brook has always been the parish boundary and I don't see any reason to change that physical boundary."