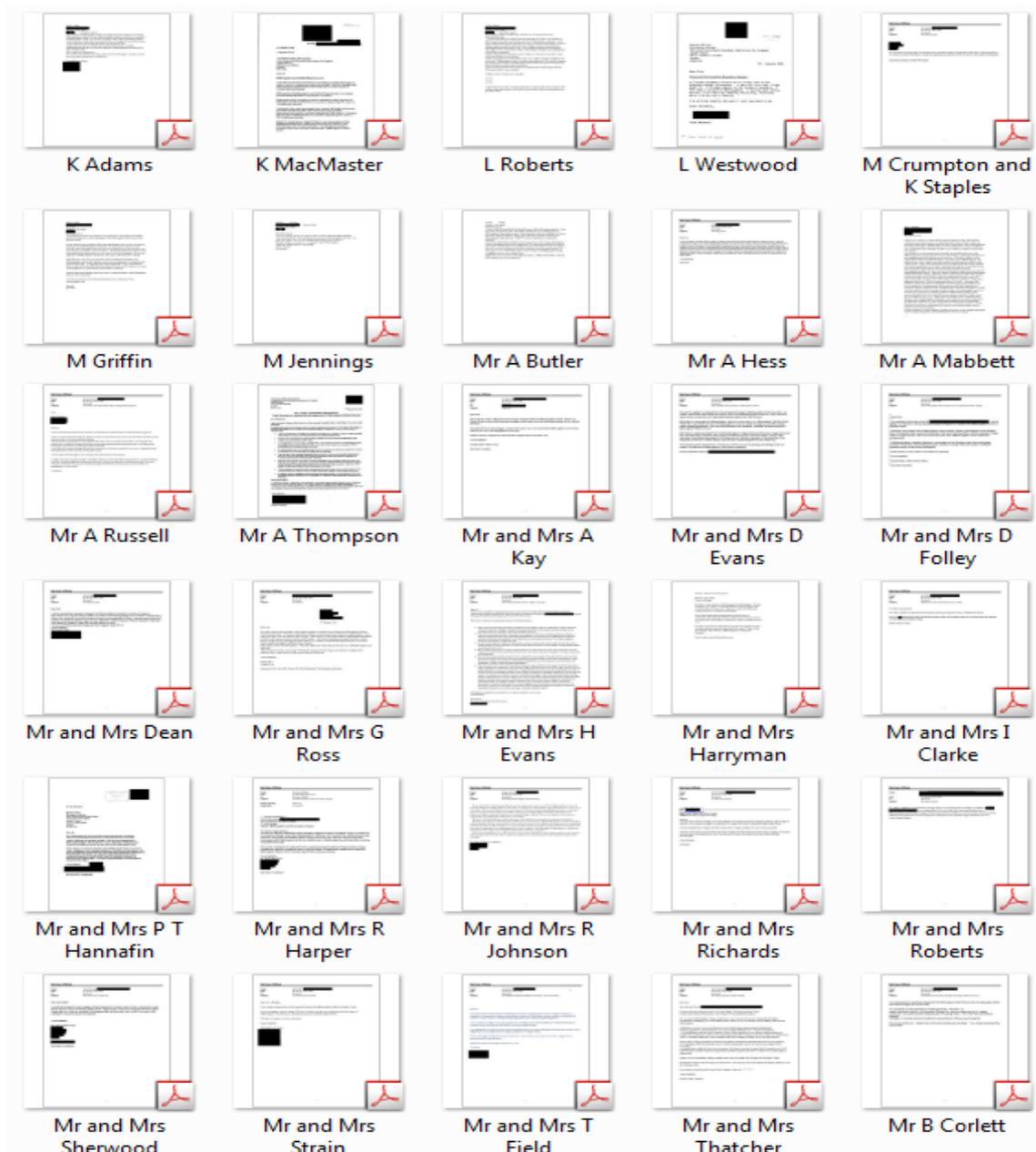


Local residents' submissions to the Bromsgrove District Council electoral review

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Mr C Morgan



MR C W Round



Mr D Anelli



Mr D Tubb



Mr G Hackett

Karen Adams

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

07/01/2013 10:26

"As residents of Belbroughton village we stongly oppose the change of ward from Belbroughton to Romsley.Both my husband and I consider ourselves to be residents of Belbroughton village. We are active residents of the village, attending different church functions, tennis and recreational facilities and support the local fund raising events whilst also enjoying the local pubs and restaurants alike.

I understand that the areas 'Bell Heath' and 'Bell End' all derive from the Belbroughton name and are areas that form part of Belbroughton itself from as far back as Saxon times.

How could it be changed now!...

We would be devastated to no longer call ourselves Belbroughton residents and ask that this proposal should not be considered.....

Lee and Karen Adams

[REDACTED]

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E-mail: [REDACTED]

KJCM/DB/13008

4 January 2014

The Review Officer (Bromsgrove)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
76-86 Turnmill Street
London
EC1 5LG

Dear Sir

Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council

I note that the Boundary Commission is consulting on behalf of Bromsgrove District Council on a proposal to reduce the number of District Councillors and there may be an impact on the current Parish Council if the proposal is accepted and implemented.

With regard to the Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council, I am advised that the current distribution of councillors is as follows:

Belbroughton Ward has eight councillors representing 1,343 voters ie 168 voters per councillor, Fairfield has six councillors representing 771 voters, ie 129 voters per councillor.

I understand that, under the proposed new scheme, Bell Heath will have two councillors representing 287 voters (143.5 voters per councillor), Belbroughton will have six councillors representing 1,056 voters or 176 voters per councillor, Fairfield will have six councillors representing 771 voters or 128.5 voters per councillor.

Clearly the above figures indicate Fairfield is over represented and that Fairfield councillors have a disproportionate influence (relative to their electoral base) over the joint community. This discrepancy is likely to increase further when proposed developments in Belbroughton come to fruition.

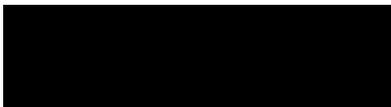
A fairer and more equitable distribution of councillors to number of voters would be as follows:

Bell Heath two councillors (143.5 voters per councillor), Belbroughton seven councillors (150.9 voters per councillor, Fairfield five councillors (154.2 voters per councillor).

The number of voters specified is based on the annual revised electoral roll issued in October 2012.

I trust you find these comments helpful.

Yours faithfully

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K J C MacMaster

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Linda Roberts

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

06/01/2013 18:09

"I would like to make the following comments on your proposals for the Belbroughton Ward.

You have placed the area of Bell End in the Romsley DC ward. The residents of Bell End are historically and currently part of the Belbroughton community. They look to Belbroughton for their educational, social, recreational and religious activities. A better solution would be to place the area of Hagley which is in the proposed Belbroughton ward into Hagley Ward. This would also increase the electorate in what appears to be a small ward. I believe these Hagley residents are an integral part of the Hagley community.

Under your proposals the Parish Council would have 3 District Councillors to deal with which I believe is not efficient.

Under your proposals a new Parish Council ward would be formed in Bell End with effectively 2 Belbroughton Parish Councillors being allocated. This would accentuate the current position where the Belbroughton Ward, which incorporates the proposed Bell End Ward, is already under represented.

If your proposals for the Parish Council are implemented I would suggest that the following would be a more equitable:

Number of seats / Electors per councillor

7 / 151

5 / 155

2 / 141

I understand that you have no legal requirement to maintain the same maximum 10% variance target that you have at District level but I believe that it is reasonable to use the same criteria.

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7th January 2013

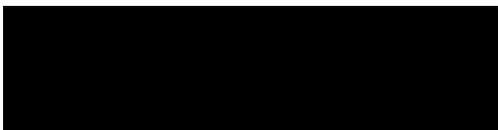
Dear Sirs,

Proposed Belbroughton Boundary Changes

A friendly neighbour alerted me on Friday last to the proposed changes of boundary. It was the first that I knew about it. I strongly oppose to the change of boundary. I feel that I am part of Belbroughton. I use the post office, butcher, local shop and community facilities, facilities which I do not use in Romsley.

I am writing today ^{*} as the email I sent came back to me.

Yours faithfully,



Linda Westwood

* final date to object

Morrison, William

From: Kim Staples [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2013 16:44
To: Reviews@
Subject: Boundary change



We would like to strongly lodge our objection to the proposed boundary changes that would make us part of Romsley. If we wished to be part of Romsley we would have purchased a property in there. We want to remain part of Belbroughton

Mr Michael Crumpton and Mrs Kim Staples

Maria Griffin

[REDACTED]

M Griffin

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

06/01/2013 21:31

"I would like to register my objection to the proposed re-classification of the Bell Heath and Madeley areas from being part of the Belbroughton Ward to part of the Romsley Ward.

In our current location within the Bell Heath and Madeley areas we are very much a natural part of the Belbroughton community. Transport links on the local road network make Belbroughton the most easily accessible area for local amenities such as restaurants, post offices and local clubs etc. My husband and I are members of the Belbroughton Club and therefore an active part of the local community. We are also supporters of Belbroughton community events such as the Scarecrow weekend.

The landscape in the area also naturally divides the Bell Heath, Madeley and Belbroughton areas from the Romsley area. Each are communities on opposite sides of the Romsley Hill. To attach the Bell Heath and Madeley areas to the Romsley Ward would result in the Bell Heath area being effectively cut off from the rest of the ward and hence not a natural part of the Romsley community.

The Bell Heath and Madeley areas have more of a natural affinity with Belbroughton than any other community.

I would request that the Bell Heath and Madeley areas remain part of the Belbroughton Ward.

Regards

M Griffin

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Matthew Jennings

[REDACTED]

Home Owner

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

04/01/2013 14:32

"We live in Gorse Green Lane and we wish to remain within the Belbroughton & Clent ward and Parish. This road has always been part of Belbroughton & Clent - it is part of our address. We are part of Belbroughton and wish to remain so.

Romsley village is not near us - we regularly walk to Belbroughton.

I therefore strongly object to this change.

Yours sincerely

M Jennings"

Andrew Butler
Member of the public
07/01/2013 22:27

"I believe Bell Heath and Bell End should be part of the Belbroughton parish as it has been since before Saxon times. My family and I feel we are an integral part of Belbroughton village and use many of the community facilities including the Doctors, Post office, pubs and school to name a few. My family can trace connections to Belbroughton village from the 1700s and we would like to continue this affiliation.

I also believe Bell Heath and Bell End are integral parts of the village and changing wards would damage these rural communities. As living just outside of the village it takes time to become part of a community which we have done over the years, and as such our views are considered by the local councillors and community groups. To start again in a new ward which we have very few links would damage these small communities as our voices would be lost.

Finally these areas are intrinsically linked by name i.e. BELL Heath, BELL End and BELbroughton as well as community."

Morrison, William

From: Alan [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2013 22:13
To: Reviews@
Subject: Boundary reiew

Dear Sirs,

I am a resident in Western Road, Hagley currently within Furlongs Ward of Bromsgrove District Council. I note the proposals to create a new ward called Hagley District with which I am in favour. However, the further propoosals not to include Western Road,part of Newfield Road, Broadwaters Drive, Thicknall Rise,Orchard Close, Woodchester and Ryfields Close is not logical. The geographical boundary of Hagley is the A491 from its junction with the A456 as far as Western Road and then down Western Road and Newfield Road back to the A456.Our postal address is Hagley and to all intents and purposes we are part of Hagley.The village of Clent is a disparate and removed area from Hagley with different priorities. It must, therefore, make much more sense for all of the area West of the A491 to become part of a Hagly Ward.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Hess

Alan Mabbett



31/12/2012 16:47

"There is no evidence to suggest that the proposals being made by the Boundary Commission are either necessary or indeed desired by local residents. In fact, the proposals could result in damage at the local level, in particular, they could destabilise local decision making at the Parish level. The representation at County and District level would appear to be adequate and there is no evidence to suggest a need for this to be altered.

It is difficult to see the justification for formally moving Bell Heath away from Belbroughton by creating a third ward. Local knowledge would suggest that this was not something that local residents were in favour of. Anecdotal evidence would suggest that residents consider themselves very much a part of Belbroughton. The proposals also seem to suggest a possible anomaly in representation at District and County Level. Again, there would seem to be no problem with the existing situation of 4 elected representatives (2 County Councillors and 2 District Councillors) but the proposal would seem to indicate that 5 Councillors would be required.

For a significant number of years, the Parish Council has comprised of two wards 'Belbroughton and Fairfield. There are 8 parish councillors representing Belbroughton and the surrounds (including Bell Heath) and 6 representing Fairfield. This split has worked reasonably well over time despite Fairfield being a minority ward. The proposed creation of a third ward for Bell Heath will create problems with decision making at Parish level. Whilst, the proposed split of 6, 6 and 2, in terms of the number of parish councillors, would appear to be both logical and sensible at one level at another level it might appear to be unfair in terms of the distribution of number of electors within the wards. Fairfield require 6 Parish Councillors to conduct work on behalf of their local residents mainly because of local geography, however, on the basis of electorate it could be argued that Belbroughton would be under represented and therefore they should have more parish councillors. If there were a move towards this, say, a 7, 5, 2 split of parish councillors, this would mean that a minority ward would struggle to maintain a voice for the local residents. Instead of a 8:6 split there would be a 9:5 split. Such a move could be viewed as potentially discriminatory against a minority community and as a Fairfield resident I would be looking for some sort of safeguard for the interests of Fairfield residents when it comes to local decision making.

For these reasons, as a local resident, I would not want to see any changes being made to the existing arrangements and would therefore vote for no change.

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Morrison, William

From: Anthony Russell [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 January 2013 21:24
To: Reviews@
Subject: Comments on Proposed Boundary Changes (Bromsgrove)

From

Mr A H Russell
[REDACTED]

Dear Sirs,

I have considered the proposals for revisions to the Boundaries, and would like to make the following points.

I live on a small estate in Bromsgrove, and am currently represented by Councillors who have been elected by voters who have lived in and understand Bromsgrove.

I believe that Bromsgrove Council's proposal for Boundary revisions would have resulted in no change for this estate..that is, it would still have a Councillor who has been elected by voters who have lived in and understand Bromsgrove. (part of the revised larger Sanders Park Ward.

I note that your proposals disregard the Council proposals, and merge my estate with an as yet unpopulated Ward (Perryfields) which will comprise of newly built houses.

I would object most strongly to such a change, and prefer the Council's proposal.

I imagine that your proposed change is intended to meet your criteria of "Electoral Equality" in a number of electors sense, but it will completely fail to meet the criteria of "interests and identities of local communities", since the interests and identity of my estate would be absorbed into a Ward that will comprise "almost wholly new development". (Your words)

A H Russell

The Review Officer (Bromsgrove)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
76 – 86 Turnmill Street,
London
EC1M 5LG

7th December 2012

**Ref: Public Consultation Response on:
Draft Proposal on new Electoral Arrangements for Bromsgrove District Council**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident in Dawson Road which is in the proposed Perryfields Ward as identified in the above draft proposals.

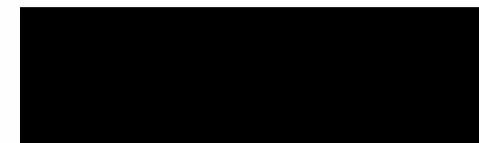
Having looked at the draft proposal I wish to make the following input as part of the public consultation on the recommendations for the change to the electoral wards in Bromsgrove, which is due to end on 7th January 2012.

- I agree in principle to the objective to reduce the number of councillors, to have a single councillor representing each ward and that all wards have a similar electorate size.
- However I do not believe the current proposal reflects the best interests and identities of the section of the community in which I live.
- I live adjacent to the local park – Sanders Park. This park extends from the A448 Kidderminster Road right across to border Whitford Road, as shown on the map in your proposal. Dawson Road forms one of the boundaries to the park.
- As such the park has an immediate impact upon the residents who also have an inherent interest in what goes on in the park and the events that are held there.
- The majority of the proposed Perryfields Ward which is to the North of the A448 Kidderminster Road is remote from the park and is likely to have widely varying and different interests and concerns from those in close proximity to the park.
- With only one councillor per ward, it becomes essential that the residents share the same core interests and priorities. There are no common interests or identities between these two sections of the proposed Perryfields Ward with the likelihood that the single councillor would have other higher priorities that may not concern this section of the ward.
- The Bromsgrove Council Submission recognised the shared local interests of this section of the community and as a result the area in which I reside was included in the Sanders Park Ward.
- In order to meet the statutory criteria to achieve electoral equality, a re-assessment of the other boundaries between Sanders Park, Perryfields and Sidemoor Wards would still enable this to be achieved.

Recommendation

In view of the above, I believe the area bounded by the A448 Kidderminster Road to the north, Whitford Road to the west and Sanders Park to the south should be included in the Sanders Park Ward. In particular, Dawson Road, Paget Close, Leadbetter Drive and Echells Close, which are a single estate and abut directly to Sanders Park should be included within the proposed Sanders Park Ward.

Yours faithfully,



Alistair Thompson

Morrison, William

From: Annabel Kay [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2013 11:40
To: Reviews@
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection

Dear sirs

We received notice of the planned boundary changes within the Belbroughton parish. We live on Gorse Green Lane and the planned changes would mean that we would become part of the ward of Romsley.

We object to this most strongly, we feel that we are very much part of the Belbroughton community and do not wish to be segregated in this way.

Please note our objection to this planned changes to the boundary line.

Yours faithfully

Annabel and Andrew Kay

Sent from my iPad

Morrison, William

From: David Evans [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2013 12:13
To: Reviews@
Subject: Proposed Boundary Changes - Belbroughton Parish

We wish to register our objections to the proposed changes to Belbroughton Parish boundary, we reside in Bell Heath. Bell Heath has clearly been a part of Belbroughton Parish for many centuries, and is shown to be so on old maps dating back at least to the 18th Century.

Bell Heath is connected with Belbroughton also by its very name, i.e., Belbroughton, Bell End, Bell Heath. Our local Parish Church is in Belbroughton, as is our Doctor's surgery, post office, shops, public houses/restaurants. We know that there are local residents recorded as paying a tythe to Belbroughton Parish Church.

Bell Heath is about equidistant from both Belbroughton village centre and Romsley village centre, but from here Romsley is behind what could be considered a more natural boundary, being on the otherside of a considerably steep hill. Romsley is more difficult to access on foot, because of the steepness of the hill, in either direction and the lack of safe footpath for most of the way.

The present system seems to be working very well for us, so why change something that is not broken. We feel part of Belbroughton, and wish to remain so.

David & Geraldine Evans, [REDACTED]

Morrison, William

From: David Folley [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 January 2013 16:01
To: Reviews@
Subject: Fwd: Belbroughton Parish objection to proposed boundary change

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> Dear Sirs
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> As a resident and house owner of: [REDACTED] I wish to register my objection to the proposed boundary change of our location from Belbroughton Parish to Romsley Ward.
>
> We have always been part of Belbroughton using schools, doctors, post offices and all facilities there. Romsley is further away and impractical. We use no facilities there and the proposed change makes no logical sense. This area has always been part of Belbroughton and is of historical consequence.
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> Additionally there is another Newtown Lane located in the Romsley ward that would create confusion which falls under a B62 post code. Clearly two roads of the same name in different locations should not be in the same parish.
>
> We do hope you are able to reconsider the proposal.
>
> Yours faithfully
>
> David Folley & Mrs Mandy Folley
>
> Sent from my iPad

Morrison, William

From: Sheila Dean [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2013 13:00
To: Reviews@
Subject: boundary changes

Dear Sir,

I cannot accept the proposed change to the Furlong District Ward for a number of reasons. One of the main reasons being that the councillors representing Hagley have a better understanding of the local residents views and wishes and are more sympathetic to them, whereas councillors from another ward are less likely to pay so much attention to them because whatever decisions they take with relation to Hagley is less likely to affect them as much.

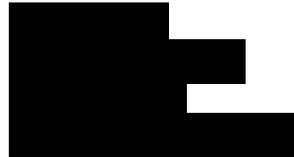
I do not want this proposed change and see no good reason for it.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Susan Dean

[REDACTED]

Morrison, William

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 January 2013 12:59
To: Reviews@
Subject: boundaries



2nd January 2013

Dear Sirs,

We wish to object most strongly to the suggestion that we should be moved from the Belbroughton District Ward to the Romsley. We have no historical, political or social connections whatsoever with Romsley. The forge, next door, was one of Isaac Nash's forges – Isaac Nash was the scythe maker in Belbroughton and did, in fact live in the house now known as Bay Tree Cottage. The stream alongside our property, known as Bell Brook, fed all the forges throughout Belbroughton, our children attended Belbroughton School, much of the land originally belonged to Bell Hall and we attend

Holy Trinity church in Belbroughton. The name 'Bell End' itself indicates the close tie with Belbroughton and Bell Hall.

Sng Common was the venue in the 19th and 20th centuries for the village school picnic on Empire Day. Romsley was, is, and always will be on the other side of the hill.

Yours faithfully,

Brenda Ross
Graham Ross

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Morrison, William

From: Andy Evans [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 January 2013 09:30
To: Reviews@
Subject: Fwd: Ward Boundary Review- Hagley- Furlongs

Dear Sir,

I refer to the consultation regarding proposed removal of parts of Hagley (Kidderminster Rd West and Brook Crescent) to the Clent Furlong Ward. I write on behalf of my parents, occupiers of [REDACTED] one of the properties affected by the proposed move, Mr & Mrs H Evans.

They wish to object to the proposed change on the following basis:

- Their property is and always has been considered a part of Hagley. It has no relationship to Clent. The issues relevant to residents of Hagley including those areas affected by the proposed boundary changes do not necessarily have any relevance to those representing Clent area.
- They wish to be represented by a Councillor who is representing the views of Hagley residents and takes a particular interest in those issues. While being represented by a Councillor from a different area might not preclude appropriate representation, recent experience over development issues in the village suggests a divergence of interests in at least this area.
- As users of the village, its facilities including doctors, shops and previously schools, they wish to have a say in matters relating to parish Activities or a voice via the District Councillor on such matters. The proposed changes are unlikely to assist in this.
- When voting for Councillors, it will be of limited relevance to them what the views of the Clent Parish Council might be or of the Ward Councillors priorities for his or her ward if they are formulated on the basis of priorities in the Clent area.
- While it may be good practice in broad terms to attempt to ensure parity in the electorate for each Councillor, this should not be at the expense of ensuring appropriate and accessible representation. Participation in local democracy is already notoriously low. Making the representative councillor appear more remote from their electorate is unlikely to foster increased participation.
- They have only become aware of the proposed change through leafleting by the Hagley Residents Association (again reflecting the relationship to the rest of the village) and then only on 5th January 2013, perilously close to today's deadline for comments. Furthermore, I understand that comments can only be submitted by e-mail. Mr & Mrs Evans are long-standing residents of the village (43 years) but are partially housebound. They do not have access to a computer nor therefore to e-mail. Any proposed changes ought to be widely publicised including efforts to target those who are less able to access on line information or advertisements which might have been placed in the local library or similar. While I do not have details of the means of publicity employed for the proposed changes, the apparent neglect of efforts to reach such groups seems unlikely to encourage participation in the consultation process, increase engagement of the electorate in local democracy or be democratic in itself. Your clarification of the means used to publicise the proposed changes and intentions regarding rectification of any 'democratic gap' would be gratefully received.

I should also be grateful to be advised of any decision reached in due course

Yours faithfully

Andy Evans
For and on Behalf of Mr & Mrs H Evans
[REDACTED]

Anthony and Christine Harrymnan

Member of the public

"Dear Sir/Madam,

We object to the alteration of Belbroughton Parish Boundary. Having lived here for 25 years, we consider ourselves to be an integral part of Belbroughton, having voted, shopped, used the Post Office and supported various events held in the village.

We are led to understand, although having had no official notification, that a boundary that has stood since Saxon times, is now to be altered by the Boundary Commission without consultation in this area.

For what reason has this Proposal been put forward and what benefits will the residents living this side of the A491 receive? What will be the benefits to the residents of Belbroughton in altering this boundary?

From: Anthony and Christine Harryman,

Morrison, William

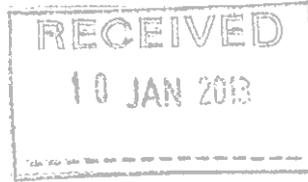
From: Ian Clarke [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 January 2013 22:08
To: Reviews@
Subject: Objection to the proposed boundary change

To whom it may concern

We write to register our objections to the proposed boundary change for houses in Kidderminster Road.

We live at [REDACTED] Kidderminster Road and feel this change would have a negative effect as it would diminish the influence over items or issues affecting Hagley.

Melanie and Ian Clarke



6th January 2013

Review Officer
Bromsgrove Review
The Local Government Boundary
Commission for England
Layden House
76-77 Turnmill Street
London
EC1M 5LG

Dear Sir

RE: PROPOSED BELBROUGHTON PARISH BOUNDARY CHANGES

I wish to object to the proposed changes. I feel we are an integral part of Belbroughton Village. We use the local, church, post office, restaurants and community facilities and we wish to stay a part of the Belbroughton Parish.

History shows our residence has been part of Belbroughton Parish since Saxon times. Castlebourne is of historical importance to the parish of Belbroughton. It is most important that it remain that way rather than being transferred to the parish of Romsley Ward. We believe our property is readily identifiable with distinct architectural quality and historic interest, which is desirable to preserve its association with Belbroughton. This new proposal will further erode the historic character of the village.

Yours faithfully


MR & MRS P T HANNAFIN

Morrison, William

From: Morrison, William
Sent: 10 December 2012 10:16
To: Morrison, William
Subject: FW: Belbroughton parish boundary changes

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From: Lou Harper [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 December 2012 18:49
To: Reviews@
Subject: Belbroughton parish boundary changes

To whom it may concern

We wish to state our objections to the proposed changes to parish boundaries which will mean that our property address moves from Belbroughton to Romsley. We moved to this address 6 years ago and have always felt part of Belbroughton village and community. We have always supported businesses within Belbroughton & our son attends many of Belbroughtons junior activities including cricket & tennis clubs.

We cannot understand the rationale for the proposed change & believe strongly that the change infringes our rights to choose the area in which to abide. We specifically chose to live within the Belbroughton Parish area & strongly object to this proposed change.

Yours faithfully
Mr. & Mrs R Harper

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Morrison, William

From: Roger Joihnson [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2013 11:56
To: Reviews@
Subject: Boundary Review.Hagley, Worcestershire

We are advised that the Boundary Commission are proposing to move some West Hagley addresses from the Furlongs Ward to the Hagley District Ward. This is a logical step and should be supported. However it does not go far enough . The present orientation of some properties, which are clearly geographically and from a community cohesion viewpoint within Hagley towards the Clent parish is totally illogical and indefensible. We shop in Hagley, use Hagley community facilities and worship in Hagley churches. We use no facilities in Clent and are separated by open fields and a road journey of 2-3 miles. .

We live at 33 Newfield Road and the separation of the Road into two parishes is nonsensical and bizarre.

We believe all addresses in West Hagley would be better served within a Hagley Ward and served by Councillors clearly identified with that area and better able to represent our local views. Recent development issues dramatically and adversely affecting West Hagley have not been dealt with democratically by Furlongs District Councillors who have failed to represent the overwhelming views of local residents. If the Boundary Commission is to create new boundaries it must reflect and strengthen localism and community orientation.

We are also appalled that we, as local voters, were not advised officially of these changes and have only heard of them through word of mouth. This is unfair and undemocratic, and only heard of these planned changes today 3/1/2013.

Mr. R W and Mrs C M Johnson
[REDACTED]

Morrison, William

From: G & P Richards [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 January 2013 21:48
To: Reviews@
Subject: Fw: Boundary Change

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]
To: reviews@lgbce.org.uk
Sent: Friday, January 04, 2013 9:35 PM
Subject: Boundary Change from Hagley

Dear Sir

I am one of the residents of Hagley who will be affected by the proposed boundary changes, I therefore wish to lodge my objection to the proposed changes to boundaries of the Hagley Ward into a Furlongs (Clent, Belbroughton) Ward.

I feel that all addresses in Hagley are better served under a Hagley councillor and not a Furlongs councillor.

Certainly current planning issues affecting the area of Hagley have been better served by Hagley councillors who appear more pro-active in representing the views of constituents not only in planning but in all other matters affecting the community.

Yours Sincerely

G Richards

Morrison, William

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2013 14:36
To: Reviews@
Subject: boundary changes

Mr. & Mrs. A D Roberts would like to strongly object to proposed plans to change our address at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from a Hagley Ward into a Furlongs Clent and Belbroughton Ward. Why would you want to live in Hagley and be looked after by a different ward councilors who have totally different ideas and have not been supportive in the past to the needs of Hagley residents!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Tony & Susan Roberts

Morrison, William

From: Tina Sherwood [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 January 2013 16:25
To: Reviews@
Subject: New electoral arrangements

Dear sir/madam

I would like to object to any changes of becoming part of romsley ward. We as a community would like to stay the same with belbroughton parish. It goes back a long time being part of belbroughton village and don't feel the necessity of changing it after all this time. Also I think if this were to be changed it would de-value our address.

Yours faithfully

Mr and mrs Sherwood

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Morrison, William

From: LISA SMITH [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 January 2013 19:44
To: Reviews@
Subject: Local Government Review

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in connection with the possible change from Belbroughton Ward to Romsley Ward.

We are not happy with this change. We have lived here for 40 years and always have been part of Belbroughton. We feel the area should remain as part of Belbroughton Ward.

We hope to remain as it always has been.

Yours faithfully,

Richard & Lisa Strain



Morrison, William

From: trevor field <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 07 January 2013 22:09
To: Reviews@
Subject: FW: DISTRICT WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES- HAVE YOUR SAY!

Dear Sirs,

I am aware that the Local Government Boundary Commission is proposing that homes in Hagley consisting of Meadcroft, Pinewoods Av, Kidderminster Rd South numbers 10-70, Worcester Rd even numbers, and Newfield Rd numbers 1-24 be moved to a new Ward called Hagley West which will be alongside Hagley East.

I also note that the LGBC is also proposing that homes in Hagley, namely South Rd, Western Rd, Newfield Rd (above numbers 24) and the Closes off will remain in the Furlong Ward of Clent.

I strongly believe that that the homes listed immediately above in my second paragraph should also be moved into the Hagley Wards so that **ALL** homes with Hagley addresses are in Hagley Wards.

There is one Hagley and people look after each other in communities so we need a community village not one politically split for no good reason.

Would you please acknowledge receipt of my e mail.

Thank you.

Morrison, William

From: Paul Thatcher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 05 January 2013 14:26
To: Reviews@
Subject: Boundary Changes to District Wards

Dear Sirs

My wife and I live at [REDACTED]

I believe that it is proposed to 'move' us from Hagley Ward into Furlongs Ward.
I believe the Furlongs Ward takes in the villages of Clent and Belbroughton.

As we are part of the Hagley village conurbation, I can see no good reason to change this boundary.
We identify with Hagley [it's in our address] and we have to say we certainly do not identify with Clent or Belbroughton.

Furthermore, we have to say that during the recent 'fights' put up against actual and potential planning applications, particularly the one concerning the Old Pig Farm - which our land abuts - we had dealings with our local Councillor, Steve Collela, and have to say that he worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents which we very much appreciated. We would not wish to lose that sort of dedication. Also It is certainly important to have someone who lives in Hagley looking out for our best interests.

We are also strongly against the proposed Cala Homes development and indeed the most recent potential of 70 dwellings off Western Road is one we will be objecting to and we are sure that our Hagley Ward Councillor is working hard to fight off these latest intrusions. We believe that the Furlongs Ward Councillors are NOT supporting the resident's objections against the Cala Homes proposals SO we would not be wanting them to represent us.

If there is to be a boundary change it makes more sense to include all of Hagley in the Hagley Ward.

We therefore object in the strongest possible terms to moving any more households with Hagley addresses into the Furlongs ward.

For crying out loud why don't you just leave things as they are !!!!!!!!!

Yours faithfully

Elaine & Paul Thatcher

Morrison, William

From: Barrie Corlett [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 January 2013 14:54
To: Reviews@
Subject: Proposed ward boundary changes, Bromsgrove District Council

Your proposed new electoral arrangements for Bromsgrove District Council do not adequately reflect the reality of Hagley as a community.

Your proposal would perpetuate an existing anomaly. The built - up areas to the south-west of, and including Western Rd. are now clearly part of the Hagley community, but continue to be treated as part of Furlongs Ward , with which they have little in common .

Inevitably, this tends to dilute the effective representation of this group of residents.

Part of your remit is to ' reflect local community interests and identities' . Your present proposal falls short of this.

Morrison, William

From: Chris Morgan [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 December 2012 17:03
To: Reviews@
Subject: HAGLEY/CLINT-CHANGES TO DISTRICT WARD BOUNDARIES

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Thank you.

Chris Morgan,
[REDACTED]

Morrison, William

From: COLIN ROUND [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 January 2013 15:22
To: Reviews@
Subject: PARISH BOUNDARY CHANGES

Dear Sir

As a Resident of Madeley Road, Bell Heath for 20 years and with regard to the proposed boundary changes, we're not in agreement with for the following reasons.

Bell Heath / Madeley Heath has never had any Historical Association with Romsley but they have had Hundreds of years of close affiliation with Belbroughton.

We feel that our small area would become the Poor Relation to Romsley.

The Historical Ties that we have always had with Belbroughton should not be taken away from us.

Yours sincerely

C. W. ROUND

Morrison, William

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2013 10:50
To: Reviews@
Subject: boundary chabges

I understand that the forthcoming changes are still considering Thicknall Rise to be included in Clent (Furlongs district ward) I have lived at this address for 41 years, have always considered my wife and I to be Hagley residents, we attend many functions in Hagley throughout the year. I am also Chairman of the Hagley Community Association and can see no useful purpose in leaving Thicknall Rise as part of Clent. If the changes are about to take place please extend the boundary up to the A491 bringing all the properties in Western Road, Newfield Road and all roads leading off them into the Hagley umbrella Dennis Anelli It makes a lot more sense

David Tubb

[REDACTED]

Retired Member of the public

[REDACTED]

07/01/2013 19:02

In my view the most important criterion for determining ward (and any other administrative) boundaries is the integrity of the community concerned. The number of voters in a ward is a secondary consideration, even allowing for relative workloads of councillors. If possible a community should be able to be heard as a whole, not split (as is the proposed case for Hagley) into three. The current split into two is totally unsatisfactory. The question of workload could have been settled by two representatives for a single ward. Putting much of Hagley into Clent and Belbroughton cannot be fair.

Morrison, William

From: GARY HACKETT <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 06 January 2013 10:53
To: Reviews@
Subject: re hagley district council

[REDACTED]

Strong objection to be moved from hagley ward to clent and belbroughton. I live 100 yards from Hagley high street, I have no association with clent and belbroughton at all. I live in hagley, and want to be represented by Hagley ward, Please show some common sense!!

Gary Hackett

Gary Hackett

[REDACTED]