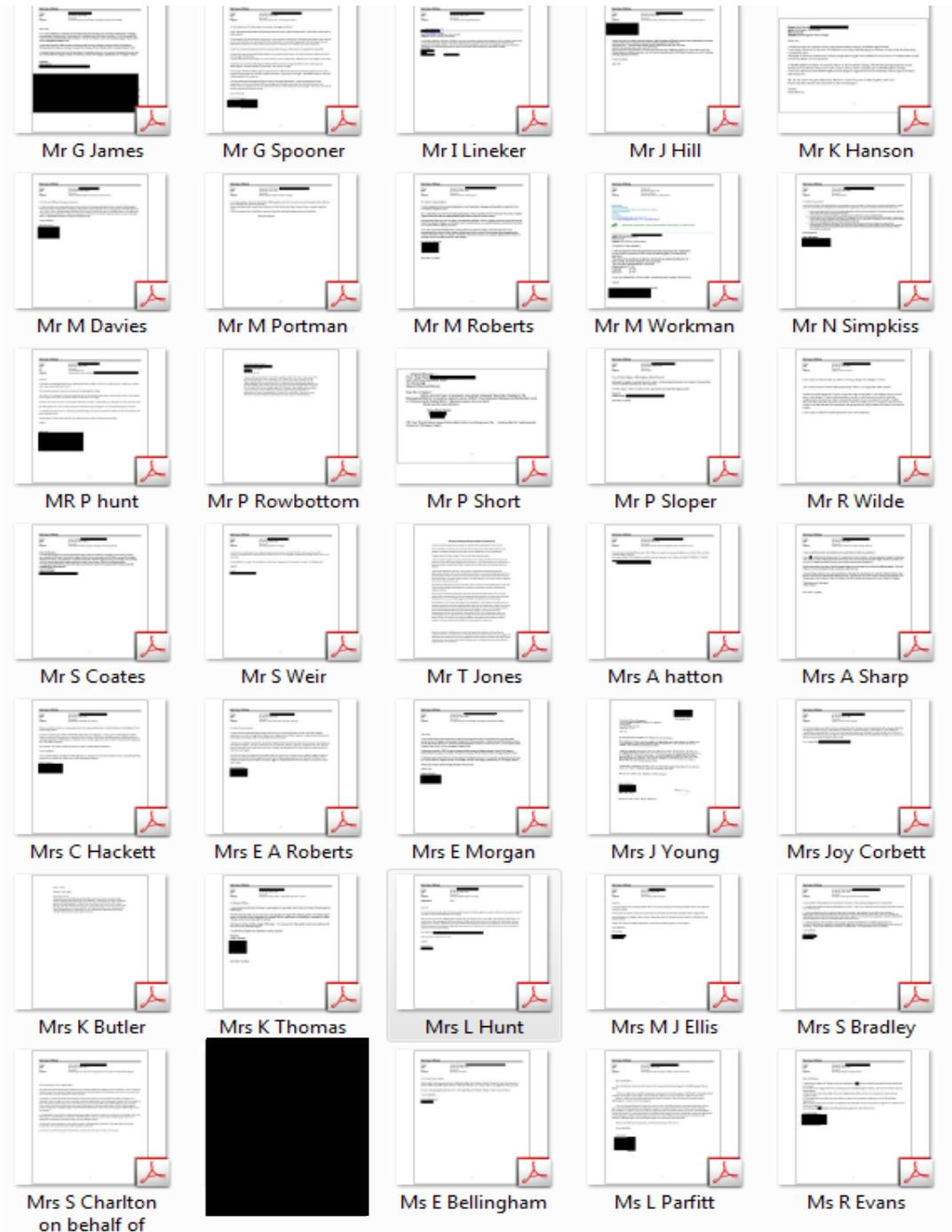


## Local residents' submissions to the Bromsgrove District Council electoral review

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Ms T Hawkes



P Bridge



P Davies



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S Brookes



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T Jennings



The Emson  
Family



The Hathaway  
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The Wolinski  
Family



V Hogan

**Morrison, William**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 January 2013 08:26  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Fw: HAGLEY/CLENT-CHANGES TO DISTRICT WARD BOUNDARIES

Dear Sirs,

I am aware that the Local Government Boundary Commission is proposing that homes in Hagley consisting of Meadowcroft, 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.

Regards  
Gary James

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## Morrison, William

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**From:** Janet Spooner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 January 2013 20:54  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Boundary Commission - Bromsgrove District

For the attention of the Boundary Commission, Bromsgrove District,

I live in the proposed Romsley Ward having previously been in the Furlongs ward in the parish council area of Belbroughton.

The proposals will not meet the needs of our local interests as the areas of Romsley, Hunnington and Frankley are far removed from our area and have few similarities. A councillor supposedly representing our area of Bell Heath would have no idea of the issues that are involved in our location on a day to day basis.

I prefer to vote personally and with the access to Romsley up a steep incline this would be impossible.

The area has been linked with Belbroughton since before Saxon times, too much history to abolish the links for the sake of conformity.

I support the community within our area and have no links whatsoever with Romsley, Hunnington or Frankley.

Castlebourne stands proudly adjacent of the A491 but on the wrong side of the track to belong to the Belbroughton and Clent ward as is proposed. This cannot be right.

The old pub 'The Bell at Belbroughton' adjacent to the A491 will only belong to Belbroughton in terms of its parish boundary and not a part of its district boundary. Again this is not right. It has been known as 'The Bell at Belbroughton' for centuries.

The consultation by Bromsgrove District Council has been lamentable. In this area we have no free newspapers and have not heard of these changes until the past week and then told about them from friends. We are supposed to live in a democracy where views and opinions are sought. This does not seem to be the case with our district council.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Spooner  
[REDACTED]

**Morrison, William**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 January 2013 22:47  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Fw: Another Alarming Development

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

[REDACTED]  
**To:** [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2013 9:52 PM  
**Subject:** Another Alarming Development

As a Hagley resident of 30 years I question as to why my address should not be included in the new Hagley District Ward. I would understandably expect to be better represented as such rather than by the Furlongs Councillors whose apparently intransigent attitude in the current Cala Homes application raises so many questions as to their rationale in acceding to the proposed developments which are proving so utterly alarming to the people of Hagley  
Ian Lineker

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Morrison, William

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**From:** Jack and Joan Hill [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 January 2013 10:43  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** proposed boundary change by bromsgrove council re.romsley/belbroughton

[REDACTED]

It has come to my notice, quite by chance, that Bromsgrove District council are proposing to move our area (i.e. Bell Heath and other areas) from Belbroughton into Romsley. We have NOT received any official notice of this and as far as I can see neither has anyone else. and I ask WHY NOT. We have been living here for over 50 years and feel part of Belbroughton, we use all the local post offices, pubs and restaurants etc. do not want to become part of Romsley therefore we wish to protest strongly against this move/

Yours sincerely

Jack Hill

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**From:** Keith Hanson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 January 2013 14:02  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Belbroughton Ward Change

Dear Sirs,

I send this email in response to the proposed boundary change for Belbroughton Ward.

I am deeply shocked by the lack of notification not only from Bromsgrove District Council but the Boundary Commission also.

I thought we lived in a democracy where people had a right to be notified of local issues, I would assume in this case as residents we were ignored.

As Belbroughton residents we fiercely object to any boundary change, Myself and past generations of my family have lived here all our lives and we have always been an integral part of Belbroughton Village.

I also run a business from Belbroughton which helps to support the local community from using local shops, and businesses.

We do not want to be part of Romsley Ward we want to be part of Belbroughton and Clent.

Please take this email as my objection to the ward changes.

Thanks  
Keith Hanson

**Morrison, William**

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**From:** Mike Davies [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 December 2012 20:49  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** objection Belbroughton to Romsley ward proposal

FAO Review Officer, Bromsgrove Review

I wish to register my strong objections to the proposal of changing Madeley Heath, currently Belbroughton Ward to Romsley Ward. I live in Madeley Road and consider myself to be an integral part of Belbroughton, I use a wide variety of Belbroughton facilities and resources and always have. I strongly object to the proposals to becoming part of Romsley, I have no connection whatsoever with this ward and rarely even pass through, there is a geographical barrier, Romsley Hill between us.

Yours faithfully

Michael Davies  
[REDACTED]

**Morrison, William**

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**From:** MALCOLM PORTMAN <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 04 January 2013 19:55  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Belbroughton Parish Boundary Changes

I was born and have lived in the Parish of Belbroughton all of my Seventy years and strongly believe that the areas of Bell Heath, Bell End, Madeley Heath, and Hollies Hill, which have been part of The Parish since before Saxon Times, should remain the same.

I also recommend that Fairfield give up one Councillor and Belbroughton gain one Councillor.

Malcolm Portman

## Morrison, William

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**From:** Malcolm Roberts [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 January 2013 16:29  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Electoral Review of Bromsgrove

To whom it may concern,

I wish to object to the current proposals for ward boundary changes as they affect residents of my immediate neighbourhood.

As I understand it some West Hagley addresses will be moved from the Furlongs Ward into a Hagley District Ward but that my address and those around me will not be moved.

Having lived here for over 40 years I have always felt that I lived in Hagley and have never felt part of Clent. We shop in Hagley, our children went to school here, we use the Doctors and Dentist here and we worship at the Hagley churches.

I am also concerned that the two Furlongs Ward councillors both live in Clent and have not represented the views of their Hagley constituents in the recent Cala Homes planning application. I believe therefore that all "Hagley" residents should be moved into a single Hagley District Ward to provide us with a single voice on local issues.

Mr Malcolm Roberts



Sent from my iPad

## Morrison, William

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**From:** Hinds, Alex  
**Sent:** 02 January 2013 11:27  
**To:** Morrison, William  
**Subject:** FW: Parish Elections- belbroughton

**Alex Hinds**  
**Review Assistant**  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
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**From:** Mark Workman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 January 2013 10:58  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Parish Elections- belbroughton

To whom it may concern,

I wish to object in the strongest terms to the proposed 'new' allocation of councillors/ electors in the wards of Belbroughton, Fairfield and Bell End.

The ratio of councillors to electors demands an equal distribution of the number of seats/ electors per councillor

The only fair representation would be:

|              |        |
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| Belbroughton | 7/ 151 |
| Fairfield    | 5/ 155 |
| Bell End     | 2/ 141 |

I trust my objections will be noted, considered and a reply forthcoming

Yours

[REDACTED]rkman

## Morrison, William

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**From:** Nick Simpkins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 January 2013 20:38  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Boundary Review

To whom it may concern:

It has been brought to my attention that my local Parish Council boundary is under review and that consideration is being given for our locality to be amalgamated, transferred or reappointed, however its termed within the Romsley ward!

1. I find it abhorrent that this can be considered/decided, without due consultation to the affected residents. Many of whom may be/are quite possibly still unaware!
2. At what point is deemed necessary to officially inform residents of such considerations?
3. Having lived in a community for 24years (25 in August) how can it be reasonable to effect change on what many of us deemed vitally important when making the choice to live in the area, for reasons such as the pyramid school system and resulting effects on residential house prices etc..!
4. I also now understand the allocation of councillors within the local wards is not based on proportional representation! Therefore this matter was only seen as important to a small number of councillors and therefore was being dismissed as unimportant and disclosure of the re-appraisal was dismissed by a majority decision. This frankly, is appalling!

Kind regards,

Nick Simpkins  
[REDACTED]

## Morrison, William

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**From:** peterhunt1 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 January 2013 19:39  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Cc:** 'Scott MacDonald'  
**Subject:** Proposed Boundary Changes [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs

I have been alerted today of discussion regarding boundary change to move us to another parish, Replies by 7 January which does not give us much time!!!!

We consider ourselves to be very much part of the Belbroughton village

We walk to the local paper shop every weekend, use the local butcher and grocery shop and pub and are in the process of joining the tennis club. Our friends and GP services are in the village

Romsley, the ward to which it is proposed we become a member is totally alien to us, being on the other side of the hill.

My office paperwork, all our contact details etc would have to be changed at not inconsiderable expense and time.

I am deeply opposed to this un-necessary proposed change as I suspect would other residents of the area had they been given adequate notice.

Also we have a brilliant local councillor and would not want to lose his input and enthusiasm

All Best

Peter Hunt



PETER ROWBOTTOM

[REDACTED]  
Member of the public

[REDACTED]  
16/12/2012 14:54

I agree with the reduction to 32 district councillors and 31/32 wards. I also agree with the proposed changes within the Hagley area where some 300 or so homes (with Hagley postal addresses ) are proposed to be moved from Furlongs Ward into the proposed Hagley West Ward. However, I would also move the remaining addresses in the Newfield Road/Western Road/South Road area into either Hagley West or Hagley East Wards as they too are Hagley addresses. Therefore, that would totally solve the current anomaly of some 500 homes currently in the Furlongs Ward that are appropriate to Hagley geographically. I believe this would reflect the interests and identities of local communities much better than the current ward boundaries.

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

From: Peter Short [REDACTED]

Sent: 28 November 2012 13:57

To: Reviews@

Subject: Elecrorial Review

Dear Sir or Madam'

before one can have a measured view about 'proposed' boundary changes in the Bromsgrove'District. It would be useful to know .'WHaT', the proposed changes are,(Particularly ,here in Hollywood and Wythall.Worc'...)No body seems to know here!

thank you for your attention.

Peter Short (EsQ)

[REDACTED]

PS Your 'Parish Notice board 'information',tells me nothing,save the closing date for' opinions and Comment' (Tempus Fugit!)

**Morrison, William**

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**From:** philip sloper [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 December 2012 17:44  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** West Hagley

I live in West Hagley, in Bromsgrove District Council.

Although in Hagley, my parish council is Clent. Unfortunately they show no interest in this part their ward, and fail to represent us when required.

For this reason I feel it would be more appropriate to be part of Hagley parish.

Regards

Philip Sloper, [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

## Morrison, William

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**From:** Robert Wilde [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 January 2013 15:52  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Hagley ( Brook Crescent)

I have had a notification that my address is being changed from Hagley to Clent.

This is the first I have heard of this proposal and there is no suggestion of the rational.

We have lived in Hagley for 50 years, shop there and socialise there, our children went to school there , why change? Clent is a pleasant place to walk to, and I am sure it could do with the small amount of council tax I pay to the parish council, but it is not where I live and I would be pleased to hear why this proposal came about. I am not usually given to conspiracy theories but it occurs to me that this may be connected to the proposals for a large number of houses to be built in Hagley.

If you reply to eMails I would be pleased to have your comments.

**Morrison, William**

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**From:** Steven Coates [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 January 2013 15:44  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Proposed boundary changes to Hagley and Furlong Wards

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to object to the proposed changes to the boundaries of Hagley and Furlong wards. As a resident of Brook Crescent in Hagley I feel that my interests are far better served by Hagley Ward Councillors. My address is close to the heart of West Hagley and I can identify more closely with the issues affecting Hagley residents rather than those of Clent and Belbroughton. I would appreciate it if my comments and concerns are taken into account and these proposed changes are reconsidered.

Yours faithfully,  
Steven Coates

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## Morrison, William

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**From:** sean weir [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 January 2013 15:39  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Boundary Changes for Hagely

I emailing to strongly object to our address being moved and presented by Clent & Furlongs ward councillors. I believe I would be better supported by councillors from my own village/area regarding schooling, infrastructure and amenities.

I have talked to a number of my neighbours and we are in agreement that we want to stop in the Hagley ward.

Regards

S Weir  
[REDACTED]

## **Boundary Commission Review of wards in Bromsgrove DC**

I write in a personal capacity as a resident of Fairfield Ward, Belbroughton Parish Council.

First of all I feel it is of paramount importance that the views of the local Belbroughton parish residents hold primary position in this review over any imposition from an outside body.

The Boundary Commission review's chairman has been quoted as saying

“ We're asking for people's views on where they think the focal point of their community is and where the natural boundaries between communities lie.” He further added that “ We also aim to produce a pattern of wards that reflects the interests and identities of communities across the district.”

Given these statements I feel that in the interest of maintaining its identity the parish of Belbroughton should not be further divided by the addition of a new ward of Bell Heath which is a purely artificial concept to merely extend the electoral base of the proposed new District Council Ward of Romsley. A new ward would consist of only 283 electors, far too small to have an effective voice as an individual parish ward.

The residents of Bell Heath are both historically and currently part of the Belbroughton community. They look to the village of Belbroughton to provide their educational, social, recreational and religious activities.

Further no groundswell of local opinion has been detected within Bell Heath that it should be divided from the existing District Council Furlong ward and relocated in the new ward of Romsley rather than the new ward of Belbroughton and Clent, its traditional and historical base.

The creation of a new ward at Bell Heath and its placement in the proposed new District Council Romsley ward would mean that the Belbroughton parish council would have, in effect, a minimum of 5 Local Authority Councillors entitled to attend meetings. One each from Bromsgrove District Council wards of Belbroughton and Clent, Woodvale, Romsley and one each from the Worcestershire County Council Wards of Woodvale and Clent Hills. I believe that rather than achieving efficiency through the creation of single member constituencies within Bromsgrove District Council, this would, in fact, lead to inefficiency and overlap which is likely to confuse residents and be an obstacle to the effective functioning of local democracy.

Finally as a resident of Fairfield ward I would fully support the retention of 6 Councillors to represent the ward on the parish council. The Boundary Commission proposal does not suggest any amendment to Fairfield ward in terms of geographical size or electoral numbers and I feel it is most important that the numbers of Councillors between wards is properly balanced so that effective representation can be achieved.

**Trevor Jones**

**Morrison, William**

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**From:** Audrey Hatton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 January 2013 15:19  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Proposed ward boundary changes,Bromsgrove District Council

I have lived in Newfield Road since 1969. When we came here our postal address was Clent. Then with the postal boundary changes we became HAGLEY. I think it would be in all our interests to be within a HAGLEY DISTRICT WARD..

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## Morrison, William

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**From:** Alison Sharp [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 January 2013 16:33  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Hagley District Ward boundary change objection

I have read the current consultation and would like to state my objection.

I live at [REDACTED] Kidderminster Road with my husband and two children. We live opposite Hagley's shopping area and are part of the close knit community. We are well served by the Hagley Ward Councillor as we live in Hagley and feel that our views have always been listened to.

We do not wish to be part of the Furlongs Ward as we do not live in Clent nor Belbroughton. We feel that our views and experiences would be under-served.

It would make sense if you were permitted to change the boundaries, to exclude Kidderminster road, Brook crescent and Brookland Road and only include the new land which is being proposed for new housing as that it is closer to Clent and does not affect existing house owners who reside in Hagley.

Thanking you in advance,  
Alison Sharp

Sent from my iPad

## Morrison, William

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**From:** Kate Hackett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 January 2013 10:47  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** BOUNDARY CHANGES TO HAGLEY

Please accept this email as a strong objection to the proposed alterations to the boundaries within Hagley Ward and Furlong Ward.

I do not want to be part of the Clent/Belbroughton decision making, I cannot see how what happens within Hagley would be of any concern or interest to those living within Clent and Belbroughton, therefore feel that anything happening within Hagley would not be as strongly opposed by those within Clent and Belbroughton ie the Cala Homes proposal.

WE CHOSE TO LIVE IN HAGLEY NOT CLENT OR BELBROUGHTON!!!

Yours faithfully

A very fed up Hagley resident who feels that there is enough to worry about within our area concerning housing proposals etc without the added stress of the changing boundaries.

Mrs C Hackett  
[REDACTED]

## Morrison, William

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**From:** Ann Roberts [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 January 2013 14:12  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Possible Local Government Boundary Changes

To whom it may concern

I write concerning the local government commission's current proposals to move some West Hagley addresses from the Furlongs District Ward into a Hagley District Ward. However, I understand that Orchard Close and surrounding roads are proposed not to be moved.

I believe we would be much better served by Hagley Parish Council than Clent Parish Council. Everything we do relates to Hagley – we shop, attend church, use dentists, doctors, opticians, the library etc. We relate to and do nothing in Clent and never have done. I believe the people of Clent have different requirements to those of us in Hagley.

The fact that two Furlongs Ward councillors (both of whom live in Clent) did not support Hagley residents' objections to the Cala Homes application says it all. Hagley always appears to be the poor relation when anything needs doing and I believe moving us all into a Hagley District Ward would give us a greater say on local issues.

Mrs E A Roberts  
[REDACTED]

**Morrison, William**

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**From:** Elaine Morgan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 03 January 2013 19:55  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Fw: HAGLEY/CLENT-CHANGES TO DISTRICT WARD BOUNDARIES

Dear Sirs,

I have been made aware that the Local Government Boundary Commission is proposing that some 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.

Would you please acknowledge receipt of my e mail.

Thank you.

Elaine Morgan,  
[REDACTED]



10th December 2012.

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

Dear Sir,

Re: New Electoral Arrangements for Bromsgrove District Council.

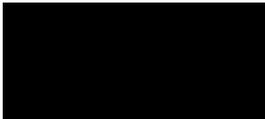
With reference to above, and as a resident of Dawson Road, which runs adjacent to Sanders Park, I was surprised to see, having read and viewed the map therein, the proposals made for new boundary lines of New Proposed Electoral Wards.

I agree in principle the reasons given for reducing the number of Councillors, but feel that to include Dawson Road, Padget Close and Leadbetter Drive into the Perryfields Ward would not be an advantage for residence of said roads. As we live adjacent to Sanders Park, as I have mentioned above, our interest in the Park and the activities and events that take place there, have little bearing on the day to day lives of residents in the Perryfields area, which is further North of the A448 Kidderminster Road.

I would like to recommend, therefore, that you review the proposed area shown for the A448 and include our "small" residential area into the Sanders Park Ward.

Awaiting your comments and, hopefully, further proposals.

Yours faithfully,



Janet Young (Mrs.)

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Copy to Mr. Sajid Javid, MP for Bromsgrove.

## Morrison, William

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**From:** Joy Corbett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 January 2013 22:45  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** hagley ward boundry changes

I have been made aware that Local Government Boundry Commission is proposing boundry changes affecting the Hagley residents living in the Parish of Clent. I live in Western Rd, my postal address is West Hagley. I would like it registered that I wish to be in the ward of Hagley, not Furlongs. I would also like you to answer 2 questions, Why did I not get any official notification about this, Why do you think these changes are necessary? Please can you confirm receipt of this e-mail

Joy Corbett Mrs. [REDACTED]

Kelly Butler

Member of the public

07/01/2013 22:42

The small areas of Bell Heath and Bell End (only a few homes) are intrinsically linked to Belbroughton parish life and community. Forming part of many community groups and helping support village businesses and services from the Post Office, Doctors, butchers and pubs to name a few. These links have taken years to forge with the help and support of local councillors that understand these areas. Been moved to edge of another ward i.e. Romsley I fear we would not be represented well which would be detrimental to these small rural areas

**Morrison, William**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 January 2013 10:47  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Change of parish review - Bell Heath objection to plans

To Review Officer

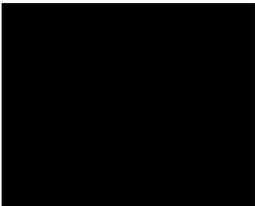
I was concerned to hear that there is a proposal to move Bell Heath from the Parish of Belbroughton to Romsley.

We feel strongly that we are truly part of all aspects of village life in Belbroughton. My children have grown up as part of the village and we support all the events such as Scarecrow weekend the Beer Festival, church services and the school.

We have no links with the village of Romsley. To move us from this parish would be to detriment of the community of Belbroughton.

I would like to register my objections to the proposal.

Regards  
Karen Thomas



Sent from my iPad

## Morrison, William

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**From:** louise <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 06 January 2013 10:55  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Change of Belbroughton boundry

**Importance:** High

Dear sirs

I am emailing to strongly object to the proposed change in the Belbroughton boundary. We live on the opposite side of the A491 and would be affected by this change.

We are very much a part of Belbroughton village. We use the GP practice, post office, news agents and Butchers on a weekly basis. We are geographically much closer to Belbroughton than we are to Romsley. No valid reason has been given for this change. In addition we only heard about this change by chance from a neighbour. No one has formally notified us about this proposed change. We have been given 3 days to send in objections without even knowing the reason for the proposed change.

Our address is [REDACTED]

Please confirm receipt of this email.

regards

Louise Hunt  
[REDACTED]

## Morrison, William

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**From:** Joan Ellis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 January 2013 12:41  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Proposed Boundary Changes

Dear Sirs,

I wish to protest in the strongest possible terms to our area remaining in the Furlongs District Ward in the proposed boundary changes.

This has been an issue for many years and it should now finally be resolved by a transfer into the Hagley Ward.

All our allegiance is to Hagley, shops, schools, Doctors etc, and it is ridiculous that we remain in Furlongs for purely political reasons.

Finally, the Furlongs Councillors betrayal of us over the Cala Homes project is the final straw.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs M.J.Ellis

[REDACTED]

## Morrison, William

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**From:** James and Sarah Bradley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 January 2013 19:50  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Changes to Bromsgrove Wards, Consultation

I am a resident of Belbroughton and would like to comment on the proposed changes to the Furlongs Ward.

1. I support the change of name to Belbroughton and Clent. I don't know where the name Furlongs comes from and it is not in local currency.
2. I do not support the move of the Bell Heath area to Romsley. Most people who live there look naturally to Belbroughton and it seems anomalous to move them to be part of the Romsley community. When we changed the Belbroughton School catchment area some years back, to align it with PC and PCC boundaries, residents in Bell Heath stated a preference to be part of the Belbroughton catchment area.
3. I strongly object to the proposal to have 2 parish councillors for Bell Heath, 6 for Belbroughton and 6 for Fairfield. Belbroughton's population is considerably bigger than Fairfield's and this should be reflected in the number of councillors. A much fairer distribution would be 2 for Bell Heath, 7 for Belbroughton and 5 for Fairfield.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Bradley  
[REDACTED]

## Morrison, William

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**From:** Sally Charlton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 January 2013 22:04  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** FW: Bromsgrove review of local government boundary Romsley/Belbroughton

For the attention of : The review officer

This week I was informed by a local resident of the proposed review of local government boundaries. I have a number of concerns about the proposed change to the boundary of the Belbroughton and Romsley wards and I am very surprised that I have had no postal notification of these changes.

I have been a resident of Bonfire Hill/Chadwick Lane for over 25 years. The boundaries have been changed in the proposal of ward changes such that I would be moved from Belbroughton to Romsley ward. I believe that this would not be in the interest of local community and interests. Our community has been part of Belbroughton since pre Saxon times and so has historical reference to the area of Belbroughton. Our local public house, the Bell of Belbroughton would no longer be in the Belbroughton ward. Availability of facilities such as the doctors surgery in Belbroughton may be changed.

I strongly object to the obscure proposed boundary change that would include our community into Romsley rather than Belbroughton as it will affect our identity in the Belbroughton area, our place as part of Belbroughton parish and potentially our address and may also affect the future property value.

I do feel that these proposals are not suitable as even in seeking electoral equality , the original parish and ward boundaries in this small community area should be maintained.

Email sent on behalf of a Bonfire Hill/Chadwick Lane Resident who does not have email access.

**Morrison, William**

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**From:** Emma Billingham [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 January 2013 17:27  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Bromsgrove Review

To whom it may concern

With regard to the proposal to move Bell Heath, Bell End, Madeley Heath, Chadwich Lane, Newtown and Hollies Hill from Belbroughton Ward to Romsley Ward, I am writing to show my **support** for the proposal.

I believe that geographically the move is the right thing for Madeley Heath, where I am a resident.

Yours faithfully

Emma Billingham  
[REDACTED]

## Morrison, William

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**From:** Lynn Parfitt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 January 2013 10:30  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Proposed Boundary Change for Belbroughton Parish Ward

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with dismay i have recently heard of the proposed boundary change for the Belbroughton Parish Ward.

I find it strange that it should be proposed to change the ward boundary at Bell Heath to Romsley, which includes Hunnington and Frankley, none of which, i believe, has any connection with this area at all.

Whilst i realise the Parish Boundary would remain the same, i fear the historic connections with Belbroughton could, over time, disappear.

I live in what was Newtown Forge (the second mill) on the Belne Brook, which provided water all the way down into Belbroughton and beyond, to power the water wheels for the historic scythe industry. My neighbour resides in the house where Isaac Nash (who owned the mills) once lived. The Bell at Bell Heath was known for miles around and the Hollybush pub was a favourite resting place and watering hole for people going to and from the Bromsgrove Horse Fair. None of these places have any connection with Romsley, it being further away than Belbroughton and the other side of the hill.

Please reconsider your proposals, or let the boundary remain as it is.

Yours faithfully,

L.K. Parfitt  
[REDACTED]

## Morrison, William

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**From:** Rosemary Evans [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 January 2013 07:05  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Boundary Changes of Hagley Ward

Dear Sir/Madam

I have lived in Hagley for 30 years as has my neighbour at [REDACTED], it has now been proposed that my house and hers should be moved from a Hagley Ward into a Furlongs (Clent and Belbroughton ward) . I do not live in either Clent or Belbroughton and do not wish to be served by their ward. Hagley Councillors are far more proactive in representing residents views (2 Furlongs Ward councillors recently failed to support their residents objections to the Cala Building Application). Why should just the even numbers on Kidderminster Road be moved, I would like to register my objection and that of my neighbour Joyce Rhodes at [REDACTED] Kidderminster Road (she has asked me to do this for her)

Yours faithfully

Tracey Hawkes

Member of the public

19/12/2012 17:26

"The proposal suggests that half of Stoke Heath would be in the Avoncroft Ward and half would be in the Hill Top Ward. That will create confusion amongst Stoke Heath residents over which councillor will represent their household.

It does nothing to keep the distinct areas of South Bromsgrove intact - an identity which most residents in this area do aspire to.

The boundary looks extremely complicated - why not follow the main roads? If the issue is the number of people represented in an area, why not extend the Hill Top and Woodvale Wards over to meet the Worcester Road/Rock Hill, and then extend the Rock Hill Ward to include ALL of Stoke Heath, so it's boundary finishes on the Redditch Road?

Why do we have to have changes to the wards anyway? Does this proposal mean that if something needs to be decided on ""Stoke Heath"" as an area of Bromsgrove, the councillors will have to consult with TWO councillors? And TWO councillors will have to consult with Stoke Heath residents? Is that not more bureaucracy, when the impression I get is that this is supposed to alleviate red tape?

The same applies to what is proposed for Aston Fields.

Does this mean then that the areas of Bromsgrove are being eradicated and our postal addresses will no longer include the area of Bromsgrove we live in?

In short, this proposal means the new boundaries would not reflect the interests and identities of residents in Stoke Heath; and Stoke Heath could not be represented effectively, having to consult with 2 councillors.

Regards

Tracey Hawkes"

Peter Bridge

[REDACTED]  
Member of the public

[REDACTED]  
04/01/2013 11:37

"The proposals for Parish Councillors in Belbroughton Parish Council by the Boundary Commission give an uneven distribution. If you include the new ward of Bell End then the nearest to an even distribution would be 7 Councillors for Belbroughton Ward at 151 electors per councillor. 5 for Fairfield Ward, 155 elector/councillor and Bell End Ward at 2 councillors at 141 electors/ councillor. If you are going to keep the Parish Councils then this would be the most equitable proposal for Belbroughton Parish Council. The main decision, however, is should the Parish Councils be retained. It is my view that they should not be retained as they are totally financially unviable. Belbroughton spends about half its income in administering the the other half of the money. The value of their local input is much reduced and there is not reason for their continued existence."

Peter Davies



Member of the public



05/01/2013 01:39

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

Gallows Brook has always been the parish boundary and should stay that way. I have a Hagley postcode, so should remain in Hagley"

peter richardson



Member of the public



04/01/2013 18:54

"We believe that an equitable distribution of the Parish Council seats would be:

Number of seats / Electors per councillor

|              |          |
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| Belbroughton | 7 / 151  |
| Fairfield    | 5 / 155  |
| Bell End     | 2 / 141" |

Phil Stanley



Phil Stanley

Member of the public

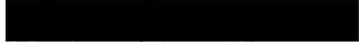


06/01/2013 21:36

"I object to this change that is proposed to the removal of the Madeley area from the Belbroughton Ward. Bonfire hill has been a part of the parish of Belbroughton since before Saxon times. I have lived in this parish for the past nine years and use all the amenities that are offered within the Belbroughton parish village such as post offices, restaurants and convenience stores. The road network in the area means that these facilities are those that are most readily accessible for me. I am a keen musician and have played many concerts in this parish in support of my local community. Also being a member of the belbroughton social club I feel naturally part of this community.

Phillip Stanley"

Roger Adey



Member of the public



04/01/2013 22:34

The proposal to create a new area of bell end will leave the number of electors per councillors in the Belbroughton Parish ward out of balance. The numbers councillors in the Fairfield ward must be reduced to give balance across the whole ward.

Robert Hall

Member of the public

03/01/2013 20:01

Why are you proposing to move Brook Crescent Kidderminster Road and Brookvale Road to Belbroughton and Clent from Hagley. How do you justify this? These areas should remain within Hagley as they form part of the Hagley area, have issues in common with this area, and have no common issues with Clent or Belbroughton. If residents in these streets have a concern, it is 300 yards to Hagley Parish Council offices, not 3 miles to Clent or Belbroughton., It seems we are caught up in your totally impersonal and remote numbers game - have you visited the area to see the logistical impact. Looking at your numbers, Clent and Belbroughton would have a higher electorate than any of the Hagley wards so from a logistical geographical or common interest point of view surely it would make sense for these 3 streets to remain within a Hagley ward with one of these wards having the slightly higher electorate rather than Clent and Belbroughton which are far removed from these streets. The interests of these streets are far more in common with Hagley than Clent or Belbroughton, there would be much easier local access to representatives and parish offices and community facilities which would be in walking distance rather than having to drive - have you considered people without transport? I regret to say that I think you are purely looking at numbers, not the geography, and if you visit and actually discuss with residents you will better understand the considerable local disadvantages with your proposals - please consider this more from the point of view of the individual rather than impersonal numbers in a game you are playing from a distance. I would strongly suggest that these streets should remain within local Hagley wards (geographically they could form part of east or west or split in two if numbers are your only concern) and not allocated to the remoteness of Belbroughton and Clent, and would again suggest you visit the area to have better understanding of the implications and disadvantages of your current proposals. You seem to be proposing to remove local representation, not improving it.

roy renwick

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

04/01/2013 12:50

As a member of the largest of the 3 PC's (Belbroughton, Fairfield & Bell End that are being split/created. I have to register my disappointment at the number, or lack of councilors that are being proposed for Belbroughton, which is certainly not representative (councilor to parish-nor ratio) of the size both population and geography in comparison with both Fairfield and Bell End, and others nationally that I have looked at.

Richard Ward

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

03/01/2013 12:17

I live in HAGLEY! I shop in HAGLEY, my bank, barber, dentist, doctor, and optician are all in HAGLEY, and my daughter went to school in HAGLEY, so why would I want to be represented by someone from Belbroughton or Clent! It would make more sense for all of Hagley including what is currently in Furlongs to be represented by Hagley Councillors as all these people use Hagley facilities, not Belbroughton or Clent facilities.

Sarah Brookes

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

04/01/2013 21:15

"I object to the proposed boundary changes to ward boundaries as this will put my home in Romsley ward and move it from Belbroughton Ward. I support the local village of Belbroughton and its amenities and do not consider myself affiliated to the village of Romsley. I also believe the area has been a part of Belbroughton since Saxon times and the history of our old barn is strongly connected to the village of Belbroughton. I am also concerned the change may have an adverse impact upon the local area house prices. I strongly believe the change to the ward boundary wil not reflect the interests and identities of the local community of Belbroughton - with so many active village members being taken out of the Belbroughton ward - we will still use the village and it's amenities but will not have a voice or a right to be represented in our local village and will have no interest in the council activities within the romsley ward. This is unacceptable.

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Susan Davies

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

05/01/2013 01:42

"I totally object to changing from Hagley to Clent and Belbroughton ward.  
I live in Hagley, not Clent, and wish to stay that way."

Stuart Relton

[REDACTED]  
member of the public

Member of the public

[REDACTED]  
04/01/2013 18:11

"I agree with The Belbroughton Parish Councillors, we ought to have 7 representatives given the size of the Parish. The proposed level of 6 does not offer an equitable solution and on a pro rata basis, a total of 7 is accurate. I object in the strongest terms a revised number of 6 representatives.  
Stuart Relton"

Toni Jennings

Member of the public

05/01/2013 16:59

"I am writing to give my strenuous objections to having my boundaries changed from Belbroughton to Romsley.

I live in Gorse Green Lane and we have always been part of Belbroughton - We have Belbroughton in our address !

I regularly use all of the facilities such as local public houses, post office, shop, Butchers, Tennis courts, Doctors and Church.

We always actively participate in the annual Scarecrow show ' with Scarecrows outside our house.

I do not want to belong to a parish in Romsley, a village I never visit, is nearly 4 miles away and a place I have nothing to do with.

The most famous and well visited Restaurant in Belbroughton is the 'Bell at Belbroughton' the other side of the A491 - according to your changes I presume this will change to the 'Bell at Romsley'. It simply doesn't make sense.

I also find it very disturbing that Bromsgrove District Council has not made people, potentially affected by this change, aware of this 'consultancy'. I only discovered this through the Belbroughton Post office ! I presume it was done over the Christmas / holiday period in order not to attract attention and objections.

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## Morrison, William

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**From:** JANE EMSON [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 January 2013 17:28  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Proposed Boundary Changes, Bell Heath [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

We wish to register our objection to the proposed boundary change to move Bell Heath ( along with Bell End, Madeley Heath, Newtown and Hollies Hill ) from Belbroughton Parish into Romsley Parish. Our objections are as follows :

Firstly, the above areas have been historically part of Belbroughton since Saxon times. We understand that a fairly modern and quite random physical boundary ( the A491 road ) is being put forward in justification of moving the above areas from Belbroughton into Romsley. People living within the area, and many living outside, are aware that the natural boundary between Belbroughton and Romsley are the hills that separate the two communities, including the Clent Hills and Romsley Hill itself.

Secondly, we are also aware that the proposed changes would not achieve the Boundary Commission's stated objective of equalisation and would lead to an unfair allocation of councillors in the Parish.

We agree with Belbroughton Councillors in that the number of seats/electors per councillor is the fairest method to employ and that Bell Heath (and the other areas mentioned above) should therefore remain within the Parish of Belbroughton.

We also believe that the associated costs involved in a change that cannot be justified on any grounds should be avoided at all costs thus saving the "public purse" more unnecessary waste.

David Emson  
Jane Emson  
Alun Emson  
Eve Emson  
Grace Emson

**Morrison, William**

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**From:** Robert Hathaway [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 January 2013 11:45  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** boundary reveiv at belbroughtron

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE OBJECT TO YOUR PROPOSAL TO ALTER THE BOUNDARY CONCERNING BELBROUGHTON.

WE FURTHER OBJECT BY VIRTUE OF NOT HAVING NOTICE OF ANY PROPOSAL (MAY BE A LEGAL CONSIDERATION) UNTIL THIS DATE 4TH JAN.

SIGNED, MR R.C.HATHAWAY  
MR R.E. HATHAWAY  
MRS .J.E. HATHAWAY

[REDACTED]

## Morrison, William

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**From:** Alec Wolinski <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 05 January 2013 14:13  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Boundary changes for Bromsgrove D C

I wish to protest and object to the proposed changes in my area. I live at [REDACTED] on Gorse Green Lane, Belbroughton.

I have lived here for 22 years and feel part of Belbroughton. It is within easy walking distance. I could not walk to Romsley and have never had any identification with Romsley. I shop and enjoy the association with Belbroughton. My postcode and telephone are not Romsley.

The consultation process has not involved me and I have only become aware of the proposals today, 36 hours before the deadline.

I object and do not support the proposals.

I am supported by my wife and daughter. We are 3 local electors and wish our views to be counted.

Alexander P Wolinski

Alison Lindsey Wolinski

Jessica Jane Wolinski

[REDACTED]

## Hands off our heritage and identity!

Victoria Hogan

[REDACTED]

Member of the public

[REDACTED]

03/01/2013 17:43

I agree that my property [REDACTED] should be in the new Hagley West ward. This ward should also include South Road and the whole of Newfield Road, Western Road, and their offshoots. This is logical and will be obvious to anyone viewing a local map. These roads are clearly part of West Hagley, and are significantly far from either Belbroughton or Clent. Residents of these roads identify themselves clearly with Hagley, and are concerned about 'Hagley' issues, and thus will be served better by being in the Hagley Parish boundary. I was hoping that the boundary review would eradicate nonsensical historic boundaries which have always confused us, but it needs to go further to properly address it, not confuse it more. Thankyou.