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**Response from the Erewash Labour Group**

1. We broadly support the proposals for Ilkeston, Long Eaton and Sandiacre.
2. We favour retaining the current ward boundaries for West Hallam, Stanley & Stanley Common and Little Eaton and Breadsall. With a reduction in Councillors in West Hallam to two members – bringing it in line with similar size wards such as the proposed Shipley View Ward.
3. This proposal also allows for each parish to be retained within a single borough ward without being forcibly cleaved in two. Parishioners in Stanley Common have expressed their concern that their views will be dwarfed by that neighbouring West Hallam under the current proposals. One area must not be seen to be democratically subservient to another as may happen in this case.
4. Stanley and Stanley Common see themselves as a distinctly separate community from neighbouring areas. The two villages look to one another not West Hallam, Little Eaton or Breadsall, the current proposals seek to create a wholly

artificial boundary when there is no need to create one. Serious consideration must be given to the fears and concerns of residents in both Stanley and Stanley Common.

We hope that the Boundary Commission will take on these views

Councillor Alex Phillips