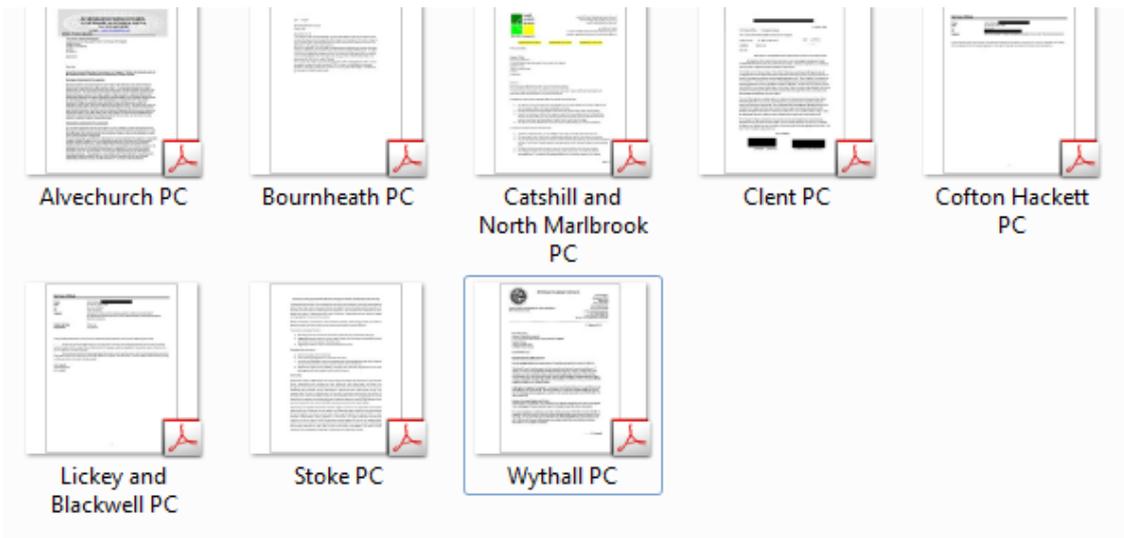


Parish and Town council submissions to the Bromsgrove District Council electoral review

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Dear Sirs

Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Review of electoral wards in Bromsgrove District: Comments from Alvechurch Parish Council

Summary of Alvechurch PC's response

Alvechurch Parish Council has given close study to the electoral review of Bromsgrove District and the proposal for single member wards. The proposed changes have great significance for the current Alvechurch ward with its three elected members serving on the District Council. We contend the Commission's efforts to ensure electoral equality fail the Alvechurch area in terms of the other matters it must consider: a local community's own identity and interests, the ease of identifying ward boundaries, and boundary choices which do not break local ties. In place of the Commission's proposals for three new wards – Alvechurch Village, Alvechurch South and Barnt Green and Hopwood we offer the alternative of two wards; Alvechurch North and Alvechurch South. We think these meet the electoral equality test by being on or near the Bromsgrove average number of electors for each District Councillor, once the Parish of Beoley is detached from the count of electors in Alvechurch Parish. They also meet much more closely for Alvechurch the additional and collectively important tests of providing boundaries that are clear, do not break ties and conform to sense of identity, interest and place.

Introduction to Alvechurch PC's comments

In our earlier submission to the Commission we were unable to support the proposal from Bromsgrove District Council to reduce the overall number of District Councillors to 31, each serving single wards and therefore with an obvious impact on the current Alvechurch ward with its three member arrangement.

We were somewhat *surprised* that Bromsgrove Council proposed the reduction in councillor numbers, largely it seems to us on efficiency grounds, at a time when the Government's localism agenda implied new, closer relationships between local government and its members and the relevant electorates. Also with no consultation with Parish Councils on its proposed reduction in Councillor numbers and no statement on the role of the district councillor in the new era of localism, we have been *disappointed* with the Bromsgrove Councils proposals. This approach is in contrast to the Worcestershire County Council's consultation around localism, the role of the County Councillor and the new working relationships between County and the Parish/Town Councils in Worcestershire.

From Councillor Numbers to New Ward Proposals

We accept that this Review has moved on. The Local Government Boundary Commission is discharging its statutory obligations in offering, as Bromsgrove District Council requested, a one member per ward approach. However we are not content with the drawing of ward boundaries as in the Commission's proposals because they do not respect the unity of the greater Alvechurch Parish and communities therein.

Alvechurch Parish is formed from a dynamic and evolving group of communities set around Alvechurch village with interdependence between it and the other key settlements of Hopwood, Rowney Green and Bordesley. The Parish Council is identified (subject to final consultation) as the body competent to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan and our future vision will explore the sustainable Alvechurch of 2020 and beyond, according to key social, economic and environmental dimensions. Our work on this advances well. Such a plan will also examine the role of the Alvechurch parish area as a necessary buffer against the urban sprawl expected from Birmingham and Redditch.

Accordingly our need is for district councillors as local leaders with unequivocal commitment to the interests of electorates across Alvechurch Parish. Our new district ward structure for the Alvechurch area, as outlined in what follows, will better help to achieve that result.

Hopwood to Stay within New Alvechurch Ward Structures

We see no case for Barnt Green as a separate parish being linked by the Commission with the Hopwood part of Alvechurch parish to form a new ward. Over 20 years ago Barnt Green was itself part of the larger Parish of Alvechurch. Since then with its own parish council Barnt Green village area has expanded and flourished in its own boundaries. There is no affinity we can identify between it and the Hopwood settlement in Alvechurch. The M42 is not viewed locally as providing a "strong boundary". Rather the boundary perspective runs north to south determined by where the City of Birmingham ends and the communities of Bromsgrove (largely but not entirely Parished) begin. The A441 running from Birmingham centre across Bromsgrove District, on its original and new routes, and on into Redditch provides a far better anchor-point around which to build ward boundaries for the Alvechurch local communities. In short the separation of Hopwood from Alvechurch wards and its use to form a new ward with Barnt Green looks especially inappropriate. Alvechurch village is the natural centre for all services for the residents of Hopwood.

Our proposal for New Wards of Alvechurch North and Alvechurch South

Our argument for retaining Hopwood within Alvechurch wards leads to our preferred local wards arrangement for Bromsgrove Council seats; the creation of the Alvechurch North and Alvechurch South wards. An Alvechurch North ward could comprise of Hopwood and a significant part of Alvechurch village to the **north** of the boundary formed by Meadow Lane, Tanyard Lane into Snake Lane into Withybed Lane into Branden Road/ George Road into Latimer Road and onto Station Road. Our reading of the figures available to us from the 2011 and 2012 electoral registers and using this boundary (but see * below) gives an Alvechurch North ward electorate of 2138. This will not be the final 2013 year figure as already 27 homes are under construction in the north of Alvechurch Village and close by in the north, a further application for 22 homes is likely soon to be approved.

The Commission's proposed Alvechurch Village ward with the boundary running along part of Bear Hill unhelpfully cuts through the village centre Conservation Area. We wish to keep that area intact by its full incorporation into Alvechurch South ward. This **south** ward in our definition is formed by the Bordesley and Rowney Green parts of the parish joining the remainder of Alvechurch village not contained within the Alvechurch North ward. The boundary points given above* put all houses either side on the boundary roads into Alvechurch South ward. This gives an Alvechurch South ward electorate figure of 2507, coming within the Commission's electoral equality figure for Bromsgrove of 2285 (2011 figures) with 10% variance. (Further details about our choice of the appropriate boundary between Alvechurch North and South wards can be obtained from the Alvechurch Parish Council office.)

The figure mentioned here for Alvechurch South is calculated by removing Beoley from the current form of the District Council Alvechurch ward. Beoley is a parish council in its own respect and although relatively small in population terms, it does stand alone in the conduct of its own business. There is no particular local reason why it should be part of an area which in other ways is largely Alvechurch dominated.

All figures given above are indicative to show the viability of a north and south wards approach within Alvechurch Parish. With the expected additional houses to be built in this Parish the electorate numbers will grow to be in accepted range of variance for the assumed 2018 Bromsgrove average per councillor of 2,440 electors.

Some Further Consequences

The above proposal for Alvechurch North and Alvechurch South wards, each with a single Councillor, will have implications for other parts of the Commission's elegant efforts with electorate numbers to provide new wards with electoral equality. As mentioned by the Commission however, the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 puts electoral fairness as its prime aim but this is not the sole consideration in the final settling of ward construction. Taking all local factors of history, culture, community and parishioners' sense of place we believe the creation of the Alvechurch North and Alvechurch South Wards offers the right solution for this locality.

If asked for a view on some consequences of our local proposal against the Commission's own we suggest Barnt Green looks to be better linked with Cofton Hackett in new ward arrangements, while Beoley might well be part of new ward arrangements that cover Wythall.

Finally the Commission following its District Council ward proposals offers a new ward structure for Alvechurch Parish Council but without any reduction in the number of Parish Councillors. In hoping for the Commission's sympathetic consideration of our proposals for district council wards we find no cause to object to the naming of wards in the Parish as Rowney Green and Bordesley, Hopwood and Alvechurch village. Councillor numbers can be allocated to these Parish Wards as suggested by the Commission.

Yours faithfully

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Bournheath Parish Council
Parish clerk

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"The Parish Council for Bournheath, as part of the district council's Woodvale ward, accepts the proposals as having little direct impact on the parish. The ward is large in area with low and scattered population in small rural pockets which presents its own difficulties with regard to representation.

However, Appendix A of your draft recommendations detailing the current electorate and projected electorate for 2018, shows an increase of almost 500 electors. As there is no known building development of this size expected in this green belt area and as your recommendations do not propose any change to the ward boundary then your projections for 2018 are a cause of alarm.

It is a worry that either your projected figures have been manipulated to show a more acceptable variance from the average by 2018 or there is a building development planned to take place within the ward that is not yet public knowledge. Clarification on this aspect would be appreciated.

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Dear Sirs

Re: Bromsgrove District Council, review of ward boundaries

The Parish Council has taken note of the proposals contained in your draft recommendations of November 2012 and would like to comment as follows.

The extent to which your proposals affect this parish council are that:

1. The district ward currently known as Catshill has strong identifiable boundaries of M5 to the north and west, M42 to the south and A38 to the east.
2. Catshill will be split into two wards to be known as 'Catshill North' and 'Catshill South'.
3. Due to the statutory condition that requires a parish to be warded where it is divided by a district ward boundary you are proposing three parish wards within the above two district wards, to be known as 'Barley Mow', 'Catshill South' and 'Catshill Village'.
4. The parish council's Marlbrook ward will remain unaffected by your recommendations.

In response the Parish Council would state:

1. Catshill is a whole entity; it is one village and as such it should not be split into two.
2. The naming of 'north' and 'south' could provide a division within the current community.
3. The use of names like 'north' and 'south' could be viewed as subjective, to the extent that there will be a 'north/south' divide based on class perception with the south being a more desirable area.
4. The Parish Council would not want to see this sort of division within the community.
5. The village of Catshill, as a recognised entity, could continue as now with two district representatives. This would not adversely affect any of the other wards in this review.

6. The Parish Council is not in favour of having parish council wards. The current warding system which sees a Barley Mow ward within the Catshill area is not favoured.
7. With the village of Catshill being retained as one district ward, then the Parish Council would be pleased to be able to revert to one parish ward.
8. If your review should proceed to recommend the split of Catshill into two wards, then the east-west split that you propose (Golden Cross Lane/Wildmoor Lane) is acceptable but with full consideration to be given to the names of those two wards bearing in mind the above comments.
9. If your review should proceed to recommend the split of Catshill into two wards, then there is no reason for three parish wards (currently being shown as G, H and I on your proposals map) within those two district wards. If it must be warded then the Parish Council would prefer only two parish wards within the Catshill area to reflect the district boundaries.
10. Similarly, consideration should be given to the names of the parish council wards. As detailed above, Catshill is one community and it would therefore be unsettling to start dividing it into 'Catshill South' and 'Catshill Village' as the whole area is one village!
11. If your review should proceed to recommend the split of Catshill into two wards and if you would be amenable to agreeing to one parish ward within each, then the names of those wards for both parish and district could be:
 - a) 'Woodrow' in place of 'Catshill North' (based on the name of the road that runs north/south through the proposed ward); and
 - b) 'Barley Meadow' in place of 'Catshill South' (based on the names of the two roads that run east/west through the proposed ward).
12. The name of 'Catshill' would not be lost to the community and would continue via the name of the Parish Council. Areas are not always known by the name of their district ward, as evidenced by 'Woodvale'; there is no physical place of Woodvale, it is a name made up for local authority purposes only.
13. With regard to the Marlbrook ward which appears to be retained as now, the Parish Council has no objection to your recommendations and whilst objecting to having any parish wards understands the statutory requirement for this area to be designated as a ward of the parish.

If allowed to comment on the wider recommendations, the Parish Council would ask for consideration to be given to the proposed names of the district wards that cover the Lickey Hills, since your proposed 'Lickey Hills' ward is only partially co-incident with the actual place of Lickey Hills.

With reference to a comment in your paragraph no. 73, please note the Marlbrook ward does not contain any part of Bournheath Parish Council.

In summary the Parish Council agrees with your boundary definitions for Catshill but objects to your recommendations to split the Catshill ward, preferring instead its retention as one ward. The names for the proposed wards are not acceptable. The Parish Council would appreciate greater care in the naming of the proposed wards, both district and parish, to guard against community division and would support wider consultation on this aspect. The proposals that affect the Marlbrook ward of the parish are acceptable.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sir

New electoral arrangements for Bromsgrove District Council and certain parishes

We represent Clent Parish Council and write to you concerning the Commission's draft recommendation for the split of our parish into two wards : Clent East (representing six members) and Clent West (representing three members) of our Council.

On a head count of electors living in "Clent West" there are currently some 421 people out of a combined total for Clent West and East of some 2054. (These figures were accurate at the time of the 2011 elections but will have altered insignificantly since then). Thus 20.49% of our electors live in Clent West. If one takes into account current building developments and applications therefor there will probably be another 200 electors added to Clent East. This increases the disparity so that only 18.67% of our electors will be living in Clent West. Given nine seats to be allocated, the current position should be to grant 1.84 Councillors to Clent West (being 20.49% of 9) or 1.68 seats when the probable developments have taken place.

To put all these figures in context, there is no instance in living memory of anyone living in Clent West being elected to our Council, assuming for this purpose that there had always been this division of Clent into the two wards. This is consistent with what might be regarded as the general attitude of the Hagley end of our parish where electors appear to demonstrate, election after election, their general disinterest in what they perhaps look on as the affairs of Clent village. After all, their postal address is Hagley and their schools, doctors and shops are all located there.

Rounding up the figures stated above we cannot see why there should be any more than two Councillors at the very most from Clent West. A more realistic approach would be to round down the figures and allocate just one Councillor to Clent West and the remaining eight to Clent East. That is our recommendation and preference.

Yours faithfully

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Morrison, William

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To: Reviews@
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: COFTON HACKETT PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS ON DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Cofton Hackett Parish Council have reviewed the Draft Recommendations and have no concerns regarding their effect. We are pleased that the impending growth of our parish has been considered in these recommendations.

Morrison, William

From: Helen Doherty [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 January 2013 15:58
To: Morrison, William
Cc: 'Cllr. Jill Harvey'
Subject: COMMENTS FROM LICKEY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT
RECOMMENDATIONS NEW ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR BROMSGROVE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Lickey and Blackwell Parish Council have reviewed the draft proposals and have the following comments

- i. Whilst the recommended situation is the same as currently, we are disappointed to find the parish still split across 3 wards (Cofton, Lickey Hills and Marlbrook) This leaves us with several District Councillors each of whom only has an interest in part of our parish.
- ii. We are concerned that the existing Lickey Monument parish ward has been split into 2 being Lickey (new) and Lickey Monument. It is becoming increasingly difficult to appoint new councillors, and this will be made worse by having to find councillors from within smaller areas.

With regards
HELEN DOHERTY
EO to L&BPC

Comments on the proposed Rock Hill Ward, Bromsgrove District Council (Stoke Parish Council)

The proposed boundaries of the proposed Rock Hill ward has the feel of an area that has emerged by default when other wards have been defined, put together to accommodate electoral equality. For example, the Rock Hill area of Bromsgrove (as opposed to the proposed Rock Hill Ward) has been placed with a part of Stoke Heath and a part of Charford. These areas have no history of people working together for any common purpose.

Below we attempt to put forward a more coherent boundary, whilst taking seriously the need for electoral equality and which allows current community projects to remain effective.

In essence our proposals involve –

1. Reclaiming some of the area near the Hanbury Road for the proposed Rock Hill ward.
2. Suggesting the area known on current maps as Rock Hill (to the north of the B4091) should be situated with the proposed Woodvale ward.
3. Suggesting a different name for the proposed Rock Hill ward.

We believe that as a result –

- a. electoral equality will be maintained.
- b. more coherent geographical and road links will obtain.
- c. currently well-developed community programmes involving neighbourhood watch schemes and youth club provision as well as clubs for seniors will be maintained.
- d. allowance is made for the necessary, eventual, parish boundary adjustments to be more easily agreed with both residents and the district council.

Community

Stoke Heath, largely a 1980s estate, has a recent history of working with Stoke Prior as part of Stoke Parish. Importantly, youth facilities and their staffing for both Stoke Heath and Stoke Prior youngsters works well as joint enterprises across both Stoke Heath and Stoke Prior, since they are supported both financially and by involvement of personnel within Stoke Parish Council. The proposed Rock Hill ward is a big disruption to the parish boundaries, particularly by the addition of the area to the north of the B4091. Youth and seniors facilities within the large geographical area of Stoke Parish are always hard to place because of distances needed to travel and the decrease in bus services. Residents to the north of the B4091 would be too remote from these facilities.

Importantly, the neighbourhood watch has been hugely successful as an organisation across Stoke Heath where the co-ordinator has won awards and indeed been given money from the Home Office to both strengthen the scheme and to advise others e.g. Birmingham City Council. This is a clear example of Stoke Heath working together as a community in a highly professional and focused manner, and with at least 40 local co-ordinators working together as part of the neighbourhood watch. There is an intention is to expand the scheme to Stoke Prior, which is quite an undertaking, but a further extension to other area such as to the north of the B4091 is not within current resources. Such an expansion is planned in conjunction with Stoke Parish council.

Adjusting areas within the proposed Rock Hill ward

Residents in the small estate situated at the top of Rock Hill containing Bredon Rd and the other roads whose entry point is from Rock Hill Rd (B4091) itself have, in the past, expressed an interest in forming a neighbourwatch scheme. (For clarity, it is situated to the south of the B4091 and with entry from that road.) So we agree with the Commission's suggestion that the 'Bredon Rd estate' would work well within the Commission's proposed Rock Hill ward.

The Commission's proposed boundary change relocates some of Stoke Heath near the Hanbury Rd into the proposed Avoncroft ward. We propose that some of that area should instead be part of the Commission's proposed Rock Hill Ward. We strongly suggest that the Commission's proposed Avoncroft/Rock Hill boundary running along Wheatridge Rd should be changed so that The Furrows, Harrow Close, Cornfield Rd and Harvest Close become part of the proposed Rock Hill Ward. This means that all roads accessible from Wheatridge Rd would be part of Rock Hill Ward, which is therefore a much more natural boundary than that proposed by the Commission. Other roads- Dark Lane, Ploughmans Walk, Oasthouse could then be left with Avoncroft and, again, because these roads are all entered from the Hanbury Road there is a natural communication route which allows it to be associated with the west side of the Hanbury Rd, so that all areas accessed from the Hanbury Rd would lie naturally together and as part of Avoncroft Ward.

To compensate, the Rock Hill area to the north of the B4091 would, because of electoral equality, then be excluded from Rock Hill ward, but could easily be added to the proposed Woodvale Ward to which it is adjacent, and which is underrepresented by 6 percent under the Commission's draft proposals.

Unrecognised housing development

It is important to note that Stoke Parish council has been in serious discussion in 2012 with the developers One Property Group, who intend to develop the old Polymer Latex site in Stoke Prior. This is a 22 acre site. This proposal is of 'a mixed site comprising around 200 properties (including some apartments and affordable houses), offices and industrial units. There could also be a shop, a care home, a doctor's surgery and a community centre.'

The exact site is shown on <http://www.onepropertygroup.com/current-developments-stoke-prior.htm>. The latest local press reports (September 2012) are viewable at - <http://www.bromsgrovestandard.co.uk/2012/09/11/news-Plans-for-200-homes-on-Polymer-Latex-site--49764.html>

Should this development be granted planning permission the proposed electorate for Avoncroft would increase significantly. Current figures in the Commission's spreadsheet of predicted electors indicate no change between 2011 and 2018.

If the Commission gives serious consideration to this potential development there could be further implications for the boundary of Avoncroft and for the proposed Rock Hill Ward. If so we suggest that, in addition to our preferences already outlined, some or all of the area on the Hanbury Rd (i.e. Dark Lane, Ploughmans Walk, Oasthouse, Avoncroft Rd and Fircroft Rd) could be placed within Rock Hill ward. And, if necessary because of electoral equality, some adjustments involving the Bredon Hill estate being relocated to Woodvale. Whatever the implications we think that our proposed

changes can fit into any adjusted boundaries, by expanding the proposed Woodvale ward, and depending on the electoral numbers, in a manner that could accommodate our basic proposals.

Our proposals with the suggested boundary changes is coherent and, consequently, when the district council reviews the overall boundary of Stoke Parish, whether as the single parishes of Avoncroft and of Rock Hill, or as a combined parish, it is easier for both the district council and residents to understand and to come to a conclusion.

Name Change

Finally with our suggestions the proposed name of Rock Hill Ward would simply be called Stoke Heath Ward. There is no current ward called Rock Hill, so residents of the current Rock Hill area would not feel an obvious loss in terms of a name. In any case, our proposals exclude the Rock hill area north of the B4091 and would encompass more of the current Stoke Heath area.

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Dear Mr. Morrison

Electoral Review of Bromsgrove

Having studied the draft recommendations I have been instructed to respond as follows:

The Parish Council has discussed with the local political parties the most sensible way of dealing with the proposed changes and the attached schedules, we feel, would create a less disruptive and more workable solution whilst retaining the clear identities of the existing communities within the Parish of Wythall. Whilst acknowledging the reasoning behind these changes, principally to reduce the number of Councillors, we do have strong concerns with the proposals relating to the Wythall Wards.

In the main we support the proposal to create two inner Wards (Drakes Cross and Hollywood) surrounded by two outer Wards. However, bearing in mind our local knowledge, we do feel that the following Ward boundaries would be a more suitable proposition and beneficial to the local community.

Drakes Cross and Hollywood Wards:

The proposal to split Drakes Cross and Hollywood Wards remain the same with the exception of an exchanging of some properties to give a boundary along May Lane as at present.

Our recommendation would be to move the westerly boundary of Drakes Cross to include all properties in Silver Street and Packhorse Lane and the Middle Lane properties between those two roads. It does not make sense to divide Silver Street and Packhorse Lane because of the A435 Hollywood By-pass as the properties on either side of the over/underpass consider themselves to be a single community.

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We would propose that the Drakes Cross boundary runs from the Junction of Dark Lane with the Alcester Road to May Lane and follows the existing route until it reaches Shawhurst Lane where it turns right for 20 yards and winds round the School Caretakers residence and follows the external border of the playing fields until it reaches the 'Open' space adjacent to 28 Sycamore Drive and then runs up Sycamore Drive to its junction with Houndsfield Lane. This will, we hope, keep the elderly residents of Forest Way in their existing Ward but will also bring the estate community liking to Lea Green Lane into Hollywood as most of the houses we have identified have a linear relationship with Hollywood Lane and their local shops.

We recommend moving the northerly Hollywood boundary to the south side of Dark Lane (the reasoning behind this is covered below)

Wythall East and West Wards

The proposals put forward in your draft are not, in our opinion, feasible either geographically or socially for the following reasons:

Walkers Heath is a small, totally residential area with a common boundary with Birmingham. Similarly, Majors Green with a boundary adjacent to Solihull.

The current Wythall South Ward residents between the Alcester Road and the easterly district boundary represent a collected and distinctive settlement. They are close to the local shops, dentist and doctors' surgery, all located on Station Road, and the primary school in Meadow Road. We would be in favour of splitting this community between an easterly and westerly ward.

Wythall South

Looking at the 'electoral figures' information on the consultation website, it appears that the existing Wythall South Ward, using the projected 2018 electorate, exactly matches the target ward size under the proposed warding arrangements. The existing Wythall South Ward also forms that part of Wythall that falls into part of the County Council division of Alvechurch and, as such, helps in promoting effective and convenient local government.

For the above reasons we proposed that the existing Wythall South Ward remains as it is at present.

Wythall North

This would encompass the two settlements of Walkers Heath and Majors Green and extend as far south as the revised boundary with the proposed Hollywood Ward, including those properties to the North of Dark Lane. This would create one Ward bordering the conurbations of Birmingham and Solihull to the North.

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Parish Warding

We would like consideration to be given to the following arrangements for five Parish Wards:

Wythall North –

divide into two Wards with two members in each with the Alcester Road forming the boundary. The westerly ward to be named ‘Walkers Heath’ with the easterly ward ‘Majors Green’.

Hollywood and Drakes Cross –

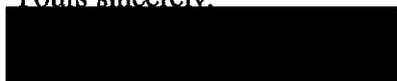
Four members each.

Wythall South –

Retains the current three members but with the proposed new housing development this may have to be reviewed.

Attached, hereto, is a schedule showing street by street the proposed changes and Wards.

Yours sincerely,



MISS P.HARRISON
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Enclosed

Proposed Amended Drakes Cross Ward

Street	electorate
Alcester Road	169
Arden Road	60
Baccabox Lane	30
Batemens Lane	26
Beaudesert Close	17
Beaudesert Road	70
Burford Road	20
Chesterwood	49
Danford Road	12
Dark Lane	35
Drakes Close	3
Elmwood Grove	33
Falstaff Avenue	100
Flax Close	25
Hadley Close	56
Houndsfield Lane	16
Houndsfield Grove	32
Laburnam Close	66
Lime Close	62
Love Lane	7
May Farm Close	54
May Lane	31
Middle Lane	50
Mynors Crescent	75
Oakwood Road	128
Packhorse Lane	75
Paddocks Road	58
Park Croft	14
Pearmans Croft	45
RyeCroft	31
Shawfield	48
Shawhurst Lane	116
Silver Street	192
Simms Lane	101
Sycamore Drive	43
The Close	26
The Hurst	55
The Innage	81
The Reddings	18
The Willows	22
Warmington Road	48
Wilmore Lane	28
Woodrush Drive	40
Yarn Close	15
Total	2282

Proposed Amended Hollywood Ward

Street	Electorate
Alcester Road	126
Alder Close	27
Alveston Road	58
Aspen Grove	23
Beech Road	61
Bramley Drive	62
Chantry Close	49
Cherry Walk	39
Coppice Gardens	29
Corbett Road	137
Douglas Road	152
Dyas Road	116
Easton Grove	32
Fenton Road	49
Fieldways Close	30
Forest Way	78
GreenGables Drive	39
Hawthorne Drive	86
Hazel Draive	68
Heath Road	46
Holly Drive	23
Hollywood Drive	29
Hollywood Lane	163
Houndsfield Lane	76
Kenway	14
Lee Road	40
Lynbrook Close	107
May Lane	70
Mill Close	18
Oak Tree Lane	43
Rowan Close	58
Shawhurst Croft	45
Shawhurst Gardens	10
Shawhurst Lane	219
Silver Birch Drive	56
Simon Road	71
Sycamore Drive	119
The Orchards	12
Woodcroft	14
Total	2494

Proposed New Wythall North Ward

Street	electorate
Alcester Road	29
Alcester Road South	1
Alfreda Avenue	48
Barford Crescent	29
Bell Green Lane	23
Berry Mound View	41
Cambria Close	32
Chelworth Road	79
Clewshaw Lane	8
Cophorne Drive	23
Crabmill Lane	60
Dark Lane	118
Drawbridge Road	21
Druids Lane	47
Fordrough	0
Fords Road	68
Foxhope Close	68
Gay Hill Lane	4
Goodrest Lane	6
Grimpits Lane	21
Harbinger Road	34
Haslucks Green Road	143
Hayle Close	25
Headley Heath Lane	2
Hecroft Grove	69
Hillaire Close	40
Holly Dell	36
Hollywood Gardens	25
Hollywood Lane	114
Houndsfield Close	43
Houndsfield Lane	49
Icknield Street	20
Lindford Way	45
Lint Meadow	23
Littlemead Road	124
Mayhurst Close	25
Mayhurst Road	70
Middle Lane	32
New Road	67
Nursery Gardens	12
Orchard Way	36
Peterbrook Road	163
Redhill Road	8
Richmond Close	60
Rolan Drive	49
Rosebriars	24
Rowbrook Close	43
Rushleigh Road	99
Swansbrook Gardens	45
The Fordrough	47
Three Corner Close	19
Truemans Heath Lane	110
Walkers Heath Road	3
Windrush Road	136
Woodleaves	44
Wythwood Grove	22
Wythwood Road	55
Total	2687

Proposed New Wythall South Ward

Street	electorate
Alcester road	127
Ann Road	120
Avon Drive	27
Barkers Lane	151
Brick Kiln Lane	18
Brockhill Lane	6
Chapel Drive	30
Chapel Lane	14
Church Close	26
Church View	7
Clewshaw Lane	5
Fulford Close	20
Gorse Lane	66
Green Close	21
Hill Lane	18
Houndsfield Lane	8
Innisfree Close	34
Jeal Close	6
Lea Green Drive	114
Lea Green Lane	30
Littleshaw Croft	16
Littleshaw Lane	25
Manor Road	26
Meadow Croft	26
Meadow Road	188
Middle Lane	4
Mill Lane	6
New houses	475
Norton Drive	8
Norton Lane	60
Norton Mews	3
Private Road	9
School Drive	14
Selsdon Close	19
Severn Way	16
St Marys Park	81
Station Road	348
Tanners Green Lane	31
Thames Court	6
The Spinney	81
Three Oaks Road	114
Trent Crescent	11
Watery Lane	12
Wilmore Lane	10
Total	2437

Summary of Changes

	Drakes Cross	Hollywood	Wythall North	Wythall South	Total
Start (Electorate)	2552	2434	2496	2418	9900
Alcester Road (Even nos South of Silver St)	-11			11	
Alcester Road (72 - 92)	40	-40			
Alcester Road (nos 2 - 70)		-27	27		
Alcester Road South		-1	1		
Alder Close	-27	27			
Alfreda Avenue		-48	48		
Arden Road	60	-60			
Aspen Grove	-23	23			
Beaudesert Road	70	-70			
Beaudesrt Close	17	-17			
Beech Road	-61	61			
Bramley Drive	-62	62			
Cherry Walk	-39	39			
Crabmill Lane	-2			2	
Dark Lane (north side - evens)		-90	90		
Dark Lane (south side - odds)	34	-34			
Elmwood	33	-33			
Forest Way	-78	78			
Hawthorne Drive	-86	86			
Hazel Drive	-68	68			
Holly Drive	-23	23			
Hollywood Gardens		-25	25		
Hollywood Lane	-33	33			
Houndsfield Lane	-76	76			
Houndsfield Lane (south side)	-8			8	
May Farm Close	54	-54			
May Lane	31	-31			
Middle Lane (east between Silver st & Packhorse)	50		-50		
New Road		-67	67		
Oak Tree Lane	-43	43			
Oakwood Road	128	-128			
Orchard Way		-36	36		
Packhorse Lane	46		-46		
Rowan Close	-58	58			
Shawhurst Lane (50 - 186)	-102	102			
Silver Birch Drive	-56	56			
Silver St	53		-53		
Sycamore Drive (total)	-119	119			
The Hurst	55	-55			
Warmington Road	48	-48			
Woodcroft	-14	14			
Woodleaves		-44	44		
Proposed ammended electorate	2282	2494	2687	2437	9900
Variance	-6%	2%	10%	0%	

- Wythall South has been created using the current electoral role
- Wythall North has been created by the residual area not including Wythall South, and the proposed Hollywood and Drakes Cross wards
- The above change log includes proposed amendments to Drakes Cross and Hollywood wards