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Review Officer (Birmingham)  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Re ELECTORAL REVIEW OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL; DRAFT  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

I am writing on behalf of the Sutton Coldfield Parish Council Steering Group. This Steering Group was established to act as a consultative body to take forward implementation of the proposed new parish council until the new Parish Council of Sutton Coldfield is formally created on 1 March 2016.

The Reorganisation Order for the establishment of the City Council was approved on 22 December 2014 and sealed on 18 January 2016. The Parish Council Steering Group is recognised via the Reorganisation Order (copy attached) under the transitional arrangements.

At a recent meeting of the Sutton Coldfield Parish Council Steering Group, it was agreed that I write to you, in my role as Officer delegated by Birmingham City Council with responsibility for implementing the Parish Council, regarding the Parish electoral arrangements set out in the Electoral Review of Birmingham City Council: Draft Recommendations.

The Steering Group has requested that the consultation period on the proposed Sutton Coldfield Parish ward boundaries is extended and in particular that a decision on the proposed Sutton Coldfield Parish ward boundaries and the number of parish councillors for the parish council wards is not taken until after the final decision is made on the Birmingham City Council electoral ward boundaries.

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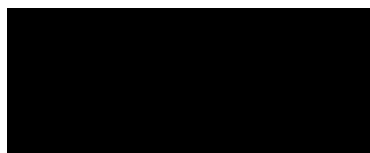
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The Steering Group has requested that the decision on the Sutton Coldfield Parish wards is extended due to a lack of consultation and opportunity to fully consider the proposals. In addition, it would be helpful to know the city electoral wards before commenting on the proposed parish warding arrangements.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours faithfully



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