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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am so very sorry for the late submission, but I have had a few problems which I know is no excuse, but I hope that we are not too late?

Please see the attached map and below descriptions that would go with each Ward, and I hope that this can be accepted from the Labour Group at Nuneaton and Bedworth as our suggestion?

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information.

#### **Wembrook Ward**

This ward is composed of the majority of Wembrook Ward, plus most of BAI, BAH, ARF, ARD and ARC. It also contains a small amount of ARG polling district.

The whole ward represents a historical area of Nuneaton which was represented in Borough Council and County Council Wards until 2002.

It is an area which is recognised by most members of the community as being the area they live in.

This is evident when you look at the names of local community facilities across this ward. There is a Chilvers Coton Heritage Centre, Chilvers Coton Church, Chilvers Coton School, Coton Sports and Social Club and in the Arbury part of the proposed ward a Griff & Coton Sports and Social Club. All these facilities would be contained in the proposed ward.

#### **Abbey Ward**

This Ward is composed of the majority of Abbey Ward, plus the part of Attleborough Ward which is closest to the town centre. It contains the town centre, shopping precinct and the historical Abbey from which the town gets its name.

The Attleborough area of this Ward is closely linked to the ABC and ABD polling districts which border it. ATD(1) is actually a continuation of Church Road, which starts at the roundabout in Abbey Ward. Children in this area feed into the same schools and would recognise themselves as being part of the same community.

#### **Barpool Ward**

This Ward is comprised of the majority of the current Barpool Ward, ending at Northumberland Avenue and Arbury Road, plus CHF Polling district, ARC and most of ABF, ABE and a small portion of ABA polling district.

This proposed ward is linked by long roads extending from one side of the ward to the other. Firstly there is Vernon's Lane, which extends from the border with Stockingford Ward all the way to Abbey. Then there is Croft Road and Manor Court Road. The communities represented here would recognise themselves as being part of the

same community in the town and use the same community facilities. This is all centre around the Barpool, which divides Barpool Ward from Camp Hill.

CHF is a logical extension of the Hilary Road part of Barpool Ward and is recognisably part of the same community.

### **Camp Hill Ward**

The proposed ward is comprised of the majority of Camp Hill Ward minus most of CHF and CHA. Camp Hill has grown too large and so a reduction in the ward was necessary, but in doing so we have tried to retain its nature as one community.

CHA is the opposite side of the road to part of Galley Common and makes more sense as part of that ward. The lower part of CHF directly connects to Barpool Ward and is recognisably part of the same community as Acacia Road and the Blackatree area.

### **Stockingford Ward (Formerly Kingswood)**

Stockingford is composed of most of the historical Stockingford area. This includes BAA, BAD and BAE polling districts from Barpool Ward, KID, KIE and part of KIF from Kingswood Ward and GCA, GCB and GCF from Galley Community Ward. It also includes most of the BAG polling district.

Stockingford (and also its nearby cousin, Whittleford, which is also in this ward) are residential areas that were historically built to house residents working in local industries. The industries have now gone, but the sense of community remains. This is evidenced by the local facilities which connect these areas, such as Stockingford Community Centre, Stockingford Medical Centre, Stockingford Early Years Centre and Library. There is also Stockingford Recreation Ground.

Between the former Galley Common and the Kingswood and Barpool parts of the ward there is a shared history, with the areas historically forming part of the Stockingford Ward in the last century. They also share the Whittleford park, which extends from Vale View all the way to the end of this proposed ward at Bucks Hill.

### **Attleborough Ward**

Attleborough is composed of most of Attleborough Ward and the WBE and WBF areas that border Attleborough Ward. Attleborough is a recognisable community locally and was historically a village in the south part of Nuneaton. This is evidenced by the number of local community facilities named for the village. WBE and WBF are also part of this historical area and no resident of these areas would consider them separate. They feed into the same school and local people use the same local facilities on the village green.

### **Bulkington Ward**

This proposed ward contains all Bulkington Ward plus part of the Coalpit Field area of Bedworth. Bulkington is a recognisable community with strong links to this part of Bedworth, which was historically part of the same Bedworth Urban District Council area.

Residents of this area of Bedworth use the same secondary school, as well as many other community facilities as the people of Bulkington. There are residential properties in Bulkington that are already a very short distance from this part of Bedworth

### **Bede Ward**

This ward is comprised of most of Bede ward, minus the area around Nuneaton road that has been moved into Slough and including the Black Bank area of Exhall Ward. These areas share a similar identity with their origins in former mining communities with a strong sense of community and family links. The area is composed mostly of current and former social housing and some bungalows and flats. The area is urban in nature.

### **Heath Ward**

This ward remains the same as the previous Heath Ward as that is already large enough to meet the requirements of this review. Heath is a historic area of Bedworth west of the A444. The area has a distinctive character and it would

not make any sense to break it apart. Residents and their families use the same local amenities and have a distinctive local identity.

### **Exhall Ward**

This ward remains largely the same, minus the area closest to the centre of Bedworth which has been moved into Bede Ward. It is comprised of the historic Exhall area, as well as Keresley Village on the borders of Coventry, and Ash Green and Neal's Green. The areas included share a common character as the areas of the Borough which border Coventry. Despite this, there is a unique local identity, with many residents seeing themselves as neither living in Bedworth nor living in Coventry.

### **Poplar Ward**

This ward is composed of most of the historical Poplar Ward barring part of the Coalpit fields area that has been added into Bulkington Ward. Poplar is historical the eastern part of Bedworth including the Miners Welfare Park and Hawkesbury Village. It is a recognisable community to local residents and residents use the same local amenities.

### **Slough Ward**

This ward incorporates all of the Slough Ward and part of the Bede Ward in the northernmost part of Bedworth. These are both urban areas of similar character in the north of Bedworth.

### **Arbury Ward**

This ward covers most of the Arbury Ward excluding those in the east of the Ward, which have been added to the Chilvers Coton Ward. It has also taken in the estates adjacent to Arbury and Ansley Road from the former Kingswood Ward.

Arbury takes its name from the historic Arbury estate which historically covered all of the territory this ward now covers. The estate remains and now covers the tracts of land to the south of the ward. Despite this, the areas of the ward which most residents live in is largely suburban in character. Very few residents live on the estate or in the more rural parts of the ward.

The justification for adding KIA, KIB and parts of KIF into the ward is their proximity to the ward and historical links to the area. Residents in these polling districts use the same community amenities as residents in ARA and ARB and are also part of the broader local community.

### **Galley Common Ward**

Galley Common Ward is composed of most of the Galley Common Ward (barring Whittleford which has been added into Stockingford). It also now includes the rest of the Chapel end area of Nuneaton (from Camp Hill Ward) and the Grove Farm area of Kingswood (KIC).

This area has very close links in several directions, including with neighbouring Camp Hill Shops and the shopping facilities in Galley Common villages. There is a diverse mix of private and social housing in the whole area.

Galley Common and Kingswood have strong links as they are both former mining communities, and the KIC part of Kingswood is already in the Galley Common County Division. They have strong residents forums which liaise closely with each other over issues of common interest. There is a joint local area forum for Camp Hill and Galley Common.

### **Whitestone Ward**

Whitestone is composed of most of the Whitestone Ward barring the WHA (or Crowhill) area which has been added into the Longshoot & Crowhill Ward. We have also added in the ATG and ATF parts of Attleborough Ward into this ward.

Residents in ATF and ATG generally regard themselves as living in the Whitestone area, as evidenced by the Whitestone Community Centre in ATG where residents from both Whitestone Ward and ATG and ATF currently vote. Local people perceive the boundary of Attleborough and Whitestone to be the West Coast Main Line which runs to the west of the ward. This boundary is restored by these boundary proposals.

## **Weddington Ward**

This ward includes most of the Weddington Ward barring most of the new developments to the north of the ward in WEC, also excluding the St Nicolas Park part of the ward which has mostly been added to St Nicolas Ward. We have added in the SNA part of St Nicolas Ward as this shares a common character and local amenities with the Weddington Ward. All the area within the Ward is to the east of the West Coast Main railway line which forms a significant boundary. The area consists of similar housing stock being residential suburbs. Weddington is a historical area of Nuneaton which is distinctive in character. This boundary proposal reduces Weddington Ward back to the areas which would generally be considered by residents to be part of the Weddington area.

## **St Nicolas Ward**

This ward includes most of the St Nicolas Ward except the Longshoot area, areas east of Eastboro Way and a small part of the Horeston Grange estate. It also excludes SNA which has been added into Weddington Ward. We have added the rest of the St Nicolas Park area of Weddington Ward into St Nicolas Ward.

As a result of these changes, St Nicolas now covers all but a tiny part of the St Nicolas Park area, which is consistent with the views of residents as to where they live. It also includes most of Horeston Grange and the area around the lower part of Hinckley Road as well as Higham Lane, which forms the border between the Ward and Weddington Ward.

All the area within the Ward is to the east of the West Coast Main railway line which forms a significant boundary. The area consists of similar housing stock being residential suburbs.

## **Watling Ward**

This ward is comprised of the new developments to the north of Weddington Ward and bordering St Nicolas Ward that will eventually run along the length of the A5 or Watling Street. As this is a new build area, there is a limited sense of community identity at present, but this is likely to develop as more housing is built and more community facilities come to the area. The name Watling is chosen because it runs alongside the historic Roman road Watling Street, which historically has formed the boundary of Warwickshire and Leicestershire.

## **Longshoot & Crowhill Ward**

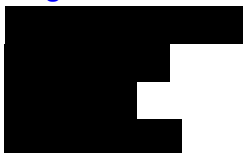
This proposed ward incorporates parts of St Nicolas and Whitestone Wards. All the proposed ward is to the east of the West Coast main line railway. There are several road links in the area. This area of Nuneaton has its own local shops and there is also a small retail park in easy reach. There is a known sense of identity in both the Crowhill area and the Longshoot area. This is evidenced by the Crowhill shops which include a local pub (The Crows Nest) and in the Longshoot by its local pub (The Longshoot) and local businesses which are named for the Longshoot. The whole area is mainly private housing and is in a historically more affluent area of the Borough.

*Thanks*

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**Leader of the Labour Group**

**Kingswood Ward**



  
  
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- 2 - Arbury (2992)
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- 5 - Bede (3016)
- 6 - Bulkington (3183)
- 7 - Camp Hill (3129)
- 8 - Exhall (2906)
- 9 - Galley Common (3036)
- 10 - Heath (3004)

- 11 - Poplar (3056)
- 12 - Slough (3265)
- 13 - St Nicolas (3051)
- 14 - Stockingford (3059)
- 15 - The Long Shoot & Crowhill (2975)
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- 18 - Wem Brook (3222)
- 19 - Whitestone (3096)

