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Objection to proposal of changing the Penn Ward boundaries

1. Penn ward boundaries should be maintained as they currently are. Penn Ward has similarities with merry Hill, Tettenhall Regus and Tettenhall Wight wick and these three wards are already recommended by LGBCE and local council to remain as they are.
2. The test around clear boundaries is definitely compromised as relinquishing both sides of the Coalway Road to Blakenhall leaves Penn Ward no strong, clearly-identifiable boundaries.
3. The other test around 'reflecting community identity', has been ignored. Penn Ward will lose its well-loved and only Catholic Church in our community. St. Michael's Church at the moment comes under the Penn Ward and a lot of Penn residents are proud of this local community church.
4. Average number of electors in a ward per Councillor is 3,175 the proposal to maintain Penn Ward as it is, will still leave Councillors with electors within the range of 10 percent of the average of electors over the forecast period of 2026.
5. Penn Ward has some lovely shops like Tantastic and all the other shops around it in the corner of Coalway Road. These shops are well used by the local people and these nice unique shops are part of the character of Penn Ward. This community shopping area fits in well with Penn Ward. Graisleigh already has its own community shopping areas.

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