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I strongly oppose the changes and recommend the Penn Ward boundaries remain as they currently are. Firstly, the test around clear boundaries will be significantly compromised because relinquishing both sides of Coalway Road to Graiseley and taking both sides of Goldthorn Hill and Coton Road to Blakenhall leaves Penn Ward with no strong, clearly identifiable boundaries. In addition, the test in relation to reflecting community identity has been ignored. Penn Ward will lose its much respected and only Catholic Church in our community, St Michael's Church. The Penn Ward shares many similarities with Merry Hill, Tettenhall Regis and Tettenhall Wightwick – and all those wards have already been recommended by LGBCE and local council to remain as they are. Penn has a clearly identifiable community identity derived from its location and much-loved community groups, local services, places of worship and libraries. Penn Ward has so many much loved shops including local hairdressers, and corner shops, plus all the other shops located around the corner of Coalway Road. These shops are well used by local people, and these unique shops are part and parcel of the character of Penn Ward. This community shopping area fits well within Penn Ward. Graiseley already has its own shopping communities. The 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% of the average of electors over the forecast period of 2026. I made a conscious decision to move to Penn, and bring up my family here. Had I wanted to raise my family in Graiseley I would have done so.

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