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To: reviews
Subject: FAO Review Officer (Derby)

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To Whom it may Concern,

I have to voice serious concerns about your proposals for the Sinfin/Osmaston wards.

I live in the section of Osmaston that you are suggesting stays in Sinfin Ward. For what reasons I have no idea, it's simply baffling to me that you would split an area up and lump one section in with a completely different area when it is naturally part of a named area just across the road.

That aside, I have grave concerns that if our section of Osmaston is left with Sinfin that that will be an end to our representation. We currently have three councillors, one of them lives just round the corner from me and is tremendous, I have nominated her for awards because of her dedication and hard work and am incredibly grateful she applied to become a councillor here; she always has my vote. Sadly the other councillors are rarely seen here, or in Osmaston generally. They are focussed on Sinfin itself and have told people they intend to be the councillors for the new Sinfin Ward. Well I'm sorry to say but that will be the end of us having any representation at all. They simply won't bother to come over here at all.

What will happen will be that Joanna has all of us knocking on her door when we have problems and she will end up helping us when it's not her ward. I assume she will want to keep representing Osmaston, as that was why she stood for council in the first place, but the boundary will see that representation start halfway across Osmaston Park Road and not the area she lives in. Frankly it's ridiculous.

I know you can't draw lines based on where councillors live, if you did that this ward would extend for miles but we have had really good representation here from a local person since 2015 and I don't want to see that lost. We live in an area where people don't turn out to vote, one of the lowest wards in the city I think, and that's with us having someone good to vote for. If we don't have that I'll have to consider whether I even vote, I certainly wouldn't vote for the other two councillors as they do nothing for this area.

I do hope that you will consider my comments when finalising the boundary; it never occurred to me that Osmaston would be carved up or I would have written in sooner!

Yours faithfully,

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