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Having lived on Deacon Close in Oakwood for the majority of my life, I cannot believe it was ever suggested that my area should move into Breadsall Hilltop. We do not have anything in common with them and I am very glad that, from your visit to our area, you have seen that to be the case as well. I do not know why such a proposal was ever even suggested. I do however think that Breadsall Hilltop is big enough to have its own identity and that it should exist with the part of Chaddesden, that was under Oakwood Ward, which you have suggested. While Oakwood is just the right size for a three-member ward, I can't seem to find any four member wards so I am guessing that this is not something that is done. If this is the case, and Chaddesden is too big to be a single three-member ward once Breadsall Hilltop is accounted for, I think it is right that Chaddesden has two member wards to identify the Eastern and Western sides of the ward, although I would have drawn the boundary down Reginald Road South rather than along the rear gardens of the houses, but I assume that this would mean too many residents are in one side and not enough in the other. Oakwood however does need to be three-members, as you said in your report that the area, as a two-member ward, would be a lot bigger than it should be, and there is a lot of talk at the moment about a developer considering building hundreds/thousands of houses at the back of Chaddesden Woods Nature Reserve in Oakwood, which would mean that the ward would grow incredibly quickly and will need three or even more councillors to represent it. Around 200 houses were built there around 2018 and it seems that a lot of work comes from that area already. The developer in question also already own the land next to the new houses. I was also very surprised to find out that the new estate being built by the A608 Roundabout, including Friday Lane, Dale Acre Way and Beards Wood Drive, amongst other streets still being built, was not already included in Oakwood, given the other houses further up the A608 are in Oakwood. To me, this means people living on this estate cannot drive out of their houses without driving into Oakwood Ward, which doesn't seem to make sense. Additionally, our area has a very strong community connection with our new residents over the road at the new estate. They are member and active contributors to Oakwood Facebook Groups, including our Neighbours Page, they often comment on things the Oakwood Councillors are doing and they regularly join in the celebrations for various events, most recently the Queen's Jubilee and OakFest. This area is very much a part of our community and I believe it should be within Oakwood Ward. They certainly have more in common with Oakwood, and especially the new Oakwood Estate, than they do with the Hilltop area of Derwent which has existed for decades longer than Oakwood. In conclusion, I think the proposals you have put forward are very sensible and I support them. Kind Regards [REDACTED]

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