

Rushcliffe Borough Council

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I live on Violet road in West Bridgford and feel that the new boundaries for central West Bridgford (WB) make very little sense. The old Trent Bridge ward was a decent attempt to group together the streets around central WB. The new Trent Bridge ward is a hotch-potch construction seemingly put together to enable two 2 councillor wards be joined together, reduced, and made into a 3 councillor ward. It pays no respect to the separate Lady Bay identity and no attention to the idea of a central WB area. I am also concerned with 3 councillor wards and think that areas should have a maximum of 2 councillors per ward otherwise there is no connection between councillors and constituents and responsibility is easily deflected. Ideally there should be 1 councillor for each ward, but I do realise that this is sometimes impractical. A maximum of 2 councillors seems a fair compromise. My suggestion would be for Lady Bay to have two councillors with the old boundary plus the extra area north of Ratcliffe road towards Lady Bay/Trent bridge, and/or perhaps north side of Ratcliffe rd and Kendal court making up the number shortage. Central WB would also be a 2 councillor ward to include the old area plus extra housing to the east of Abbey road, either north of Davies or north of Eltham depending on the numbers? Also there are the streets (Cromford, Haddon) on the opposite side of Melton road north of Devonshire road (east of the Green line) which may fit better into the Trent Bridge/Central WB area? Abbey could be reduced to a 2 councillor ward or extended to include the area to the east of the Green line (south from Devonshire?) with Musters reduced to a 1 member ward west of the green line. Not sure how the numbers would work but one councillor for the Musters area west of the green line would be a neat area. Abbey could be divided into a 2 councillor and a 1 councillor area quite easily. Difficult to decide without knowing the numbers where the dividing lines would be but the area north of Stamford Road would be an obvious division if the old Trent bridge ward boundaries (plus the extras north of Davies or Eltham) were in place. My two main concerns are for the lack of separate identity for Lady Bay and the total lack of consideration for a central WB area. A central WB 2 councillor area would be easy to create with the old boundaries plus extra numbers being taken from the Abbey and or Musters proposed areas as outlined above. I hope this will be taken into consideration as WB struggles already to have an identity and these proposals will destroy the one ward where central WB exists as an entity.

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