

# Dudley

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Please see attached.

## Attached Documents:

- Response to LG Boundary Recommendations - Stourbridge CLP 6.09.23.docx

# **STOURBRIDGE LABOUR PARTY**

## **DUDLEY LOCAL BOUNDARY REVIEW**

### **Response to Draft Recommendations**

Further to your draft report we have considered the issues raised referred to in 47 and 48 on page 15.

### **STREETS**

We believe that the following streets should be moved into Lye without disturbing the factory units raised as an issue in the report.

King Street

Pearson Street

Hill Bank

Belmont Road

Crabbe Street – on 1 side, houses only, running between Bank Street up to Fletcher Street

Crabbe Street - on the opposite side the houses between King Street and Pearson Street.

This would realise the fact that residents identify with Lye as referred to in our previous submission. It would also retain the co-joined identity for these residential properties with those nearby (all being originally built as workers' houses for an old factory, since demolished and replaced by "new" housing).

It would also tidy up the boundary between Lye and the Wollescote streets on that corner of the two wards.

These properties also face similar issues across the 2 wards e.g., ASB, landlords poorly maintaining private rented properties, and consequences of over-occupied HMOs, housing Roma and other Eastern European migrant workers (which also extends into other parts of Lye e.g., Cemetery Road, Albert Street).

All the nearest community facilities are on Lye High Street, a 5 minute walk away, whereas those in Cradley & Wollescote are 20 minutes away. The local community centre and bus stops are even closer.

## **BUSINESS PARKS**

Despite Crabbe Street being split across the 2 wards, we believe these changes mark a boundary between the residential and industrial building usage.

Making our suggested alterations would keep all the factory units and business parks within the Cradley & Wollescote ward, which would avoid the concerns that were raised in response to our original proposals (Point 48 on page 15).

Elsewhere in the report there is mention of Lye and Wollescote being joined in a single ward. We don't think, that at this stage, this would be practical as it would require a wholesale change of boundaries in adjacent wards that would, in effect, start the whole process again.