

Derby City Council

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After reviewing the draft consultation of the proposals for the North East, we fully believe that this is fully flawed. The original submission by Derby City Council is in our view the correct plan for fair representation. There has been a significant amount of what is in Chaddesden now moving to Oakwood and this has caused major anger in that community. Morley Road, Wood Road, Copes Way, Martin Drive and many more have no identity to Oakwood and has no connection to that electoral ward what so ever. All of these roads have Chaddesden postal addresses and never had any distinct direct links to Oakwood. Those residents who live on these streets and have an interest in this review will have mentioned that they don't understand the BC linking them to Oakwood. There has always been a natural boundary line for Oakwood from Wayfaring Drive and with Morley Road past Leesbrook school, it's clear to understand and residents understand this. Our view is Oakwood should take on parts of Breadsall hilltop as they already have a polling district OK5 that is their representation which residents already understand. This leaves the Greater Chaddesden area to still be represented by 2 three member wards similar to what it is right now. On reflection we accept the proposed naming convention of Chaddesden East and West. However we believe this strengthens the view that greater Chaddesden should have the representation it deserves. We urge the boundary commission to reinstate the missing Chaddesden back to its original footprint and keep the 2 three member wards which everyone understands including Oakwood. The green wedge land being proposed into Oakwood which would house 200 homes "Brookfarm" would be acceptable to go to that ward to balance numbers. In our view there is a real risk of creating voting apathy by proceeding with proposals. It should be in the BC interest to increase voting turnout and we feel that if this current north east proposal proceeds then it will alienate a large chunk of voters who may not wish to vote because they don't believe their links truly exist to that ward they have been push into.

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