

Wolverhampton City Council

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I am one of the Councillors for Penn and it is very unclear to me how this new Penn proposal came about as it clearly undermines the LGBCE main point of 'clear identifiable boundaries. A lot of the residents some who are elderly have contacted me with utter shock as to the new boundary proposal. Every single one of them object to the new proposed boundary. The new proposal will leave Penn with no clear boundaries; therefore the test around clear boundaries is definitely compromised as relinquishing both sides of the Coalway road to Graiseley, and taking both sides of Goldthorn Hill and Coton Road to Blakenhall leaves Penn Ward no strong, clearly-identifiable boundaries. My proposal is for the Penn Ward to remain as it is currently. Penn Ward Boundaries should be maintained as they currently are. Penn Ward has similarities with Merry Hill, Tettenhal Regis and Tettenhal Wightwick and these three Wards are already recommended by LGBCE and local council to remain as they are. Penn Ward will still be under the recommendation for 'average number of electors per Ward'. Secondly, The other test around 'reflecting community identity, has been ignored. Penn Ward will lose it's well-loved and only Catholic Church in our community. St. Michael's Church at the moment comes under the Penn Ward and a lot of Penn Residents are proud of this local community Church. We also have the sets of shops at the bottom of Coalway Road which is part of the 'Character' of the Penn Ward. Moreover the Graiseley Ward already have their own sets of community shops. So moving the boundaries will leave the Penn Ward with no community shopping centres on the Coalway Road. Thirdly, we will still have commensurate number of Penn electors if we maintain the Penn Ward Boundaries the way they are. The number of electors in a Ward per Councillor is 3,175 the proposal to maintain Penn Ward as it is, will still leave Councillors with electors within the range of 10percent of the average of electors over the forecast period of 2026.

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