



**HALE CIVIC SOCIETY**  
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## One Hale One Community - **Unity** in the Community

Dear Sir

As the Chair of Hale Civic Society and a resident of Hale, I have undertaken my own discussions with our society members, many of whom have been at a disadvantage during this process as they have been reluctant to meet due to Covid or have little or no access to the internet, nor, obviously, have community meetings. So, I urge you to consider our proposals on this matter whilst noting that we have over 500 members who are committed to the wellbeing of their area.

The views expressed below are that of the members of the Hale Civic Society, many of whom are elderly and have been unable to view the submissions and respond themselves as they are not familiar with newer means of technology.

We are informed that the aim of the electoral boundary review is to ensure that ward boundaries reflect the interests and identities of local communities, as well as promoting effective local government.

Historically, Park Road was the central road through Hale, not a boundary between Hale and Hale Barns. Residents do not feel that this road should ever have been divided down the centre. The actual historical boundary was Broad Lane in Hale Barns.

At present, Bankhall Lane is between two wards. Nos. 1 to 33 are in Hale Central, and the rest are in Hale Barns. Residents find this illogical as they feel no connection to Hale Barns, and indeed are living next to Hale Golf club which finds itself in Hale Barns ward - this need rectifying.

This review should be an opportunity to reset historic interests and connections; indeed, many residents are tithed to the parish of St. Peters, located in Hale, and frequent the Church for weddings, funerals, christenings, and feast days.

A recent survey undertaken by the Civic Society confirms the viewpoint that Arthog Road to Hilltop have a deep heritage with Hale and may of our Civic events and the community members of the Civic Society felt strongly that these ties should be recognised.

Furthermore, Wellman Way has been cut out from their natural neighbours they have their own park area and residents, feel an affinity to Altrincham as it is their nearest shopping and civic centre. As a relatively new estate, it would be a mistake to move them from their community. Furthermore, we would recommend keeping the clear natural boundary as is, along Moss Lane to Grove Lane, thereby historically linked to the old Hale Moss area.

The changes that are being proposed seem not to consider how people feel about their area but are a mish mash of boundaries which does account for the strong community links that exist in Hale and its clear natural boundaries.

Hale Civic Society is long established and works well with the community. We have a large membership and serve the 362 businesses well. It is imperative that the boundary changes reflect Hale and what the community feels.

With all these comments in mind it is hoped that the Boundary Commission will reconsider the plans that we have been put forward.

In the spirit of community

Denise B Laver

Chairman Hale Civic Society