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Good afternoon

Please see attached response to the boundary review draft recommendations.

Kind regards

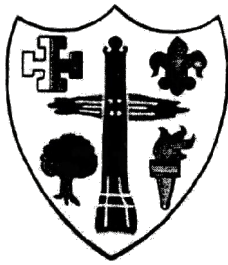
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Local Government Boundary Commission for England
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12th November 2021

Dear Sir

Re: Consultation on the Boundary Review of South Staffordshire

The parish council of Brewood and Coven has considered the draft recommendations from the LGBCE for a new warding pattern in so far as it affects the area covered by the parish.

An ideal solution would have been the creation of a new 3-member district ward that was coterminous with the boundaries of the parish. Such a ward would have had acceptable electoral equality and would have been easily understood by the electorate. However, the creation of such a ward would have produced unacceptable variations in electoral equality elsewhere in the Locality 2 area.

The parish council accepts the analysis in paragraphs 68 – 69 of the draft recommendations of the LGBCE and agrees that the creation of a new 3-member district ward covering the parishes of Brewood and Coven, and Blymhill is the best solution for the new warding pattern. The proposal has the advantage of including all of our parishes within the new district ward rather than splitting the parish between two district wards which is currently the case.

The parish council strongly objects to the suggested name of the new ward as "Blymhill and Brewood". The name fails to include the name of the major village of Coven. This will be confusing to electors in Coven who are used to the village being clearly identified on ballot papers. Coven has a similar electorate to Brewood, and the parish was renamed "Brewood and Coven" by resolution of the District Council in 1996.

The parish council proposes that the new 3-member ward should be called "Brewood, Coven and Blymhill" ward as this includes the names of all parishes in order of the size of their respective electorates.

Yours sincerely

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