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This is an objection to the proposed changes to Penn ward in Wolverhampton. I do not agree that Graiseley and Blakenhall have greater community links to the areas proposed to be taken off Penn Ward. At the moment Coalway Road and Goldthorn Hill form a clear boundary between adjacent wards. The proposal has the boundary at the bottom of people's gardens, how ridiculous!! Penn Ward would have no clearly identifiable boundaries. The test of "reflecting community identity" is not satisfied. Our only Catholic Church in Penn, St Michael's, would no longer be in Penn, nor would Coalway Road surgery. If Penn Ward is maintained as it is, the number of electors per Councillor will still be within the range of 10% of the average of electors for the forecast period of 2026. I quote the following from your guidance to changing boundaries. "However, in practice we do not see reviews resulting in wards of mathematically equal size. This is because the approach to electoral equality must be tempered by other considerations which generally reflect the particular characteristics of an area under review, and its communities. This recognises that council members represent individual electors and collective communities." "Major roads can be seen to be the focus of an area if they are the location of shops or community facilities which people visit regularly and where they interact." I do not feel that either of these criteria have been satisfied or considered thoroughly. Last week I attended a meeting held by our local Councillor, Celia Hibbert. The strength of feeling against the proposal and the damage it would do to the very close knit community of Penn was very apparent and was covered by Wolverhampton's Express & Star. I strongly object to the proposal to change the boundary and hence the nature of Penn Ward Wolverhampton. I strongly object to this proposal

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