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Moving the South side of Coalway Road out of the Penn Ward into the Graisleley Ward removes a very clear boundary with a very fragmented one that is difficult to follow. The proposed change seems to use the South end of the residents gardens as the new boundary and there are significant differences in size of gardens, leaving little logic to the boundary line. Also, it means that it will be unclear for the side roads off the South side of Coalway Road as to which Ward they are in. It is very clear now - why cause confusion? The test around clear boundaries would be compromised by this change. The residential housing stock in Penn is mostly large properties whilst Graisleley is mostly relatively smaller stock. The South side of Coalway Road is mainly large (some very large) properties that fit well with the character of Penn but not so well with Graisleley. Penn is an aspirational destination for house ownership - the property owners (including myself) would like to see their current address remaining as Penn. The current boundaries reflect the community identity of those areas. Those streets that are proposed to move fit with Penn. Note has been made in the submission about the number of electorates per councillor. Whilst Penn is a little higher than Graisleley, it does not seem excessive and I am given to understand by a local councillor that the numbers of electorates bear little link to the number of issues or concerns raised by residents so I cannot see why this would cause a boundary change. Penn Ward has some lovely shops on the corner of Coalway Road, these are well used by local people and are part of the character of the Ward. There is no logical reason to move these into Graisleley Ward that already has its own community shopping areas. Penn Ward has similarities with Merry Hill, Tettenhal Regis and Tettenhall Wightwick, these three Wards are already recommended to stay as they are by LGBCE and the local council to remain as they are. Again, I have to ask why you would then make confusing and illogical changes to Penn Ward? I hope I have clearly stated a number of objections to the change of boundary on Coalway Road.

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