

South Staffordshire District Council

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Comment text:

I am a resident of the village of Brewood. I have read the draft recommendations in relation to locality 2 of South Staffordshire District Council. I understand the difficulty in achieving a reasonable level of electoral equality across the area and I agree with the analysis that the LGBCE has presented in paragraphs 68 - 69 of the draft recommendations. The proposal to combine the parish of Blymhill with the parish of Brewood and Coven to form a new 3 member district ward is reasonable. The proposal avoids splitting either of the parishes between district wards which can be confusing to the electorate and is the present situation in relation to the Bishops Wood ward of Brewood and Coven parish. You may already be aware that there is a significant connection between the two parishes as when the first school closed in Blymhill the children transferred to the first school in Bishops Wood and that arrangement continues successfully today. I disagree with the proposed name of the new district ward. The name completely fails to recognise the electors in the village of Coven. Coven is a major village in the parish and its significance was recognised in 1996 when the parish was renamed by the district council from "Brewood" to "Brewood and Coven". Electors in Coven will be astonished at this omission and may be puzzled if they incorrectly assume they are being represented only by Brewood and Blymhill. Although I am a resident of Brewood I stand shoulder-to-shoulder with my fellow electors in Coven who will be rightly outraged at this omission of their name. I would strongly urge you to reconsider this aspect of your draft recommendations and name the new district ward as "Brewood, Coven and Blymhill ward".

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