

# Dudley

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**Related subject:** Cradley & Wollescote/Lye & Stourbridge North

Please see attached response to proposed recommendations.

## Attached Documents:

- Response to LG Boundary Recommendations.docx

## **BOUNDARY REVIEW – Response to Draft Recommendations**

Following the publication of the draft recommendations for ward boundaries, I'd like to suggest the following amendments, as identified below. This relates to Points 47 and 48 in your report, on page 15.

### **STREETS**

Move those listed below from Cradley & Wollescote into Lye & Stourbridge North:

King Street

Pearson Street

Crabbe Street – on 1 side, houses only, running between Bank Street up to Fletcher Street

Crabbe Street - on the opposite side the houses between King Street and Pearson Street.

This would satisfy the objective of maintaining continuity for the above properties with Lye ward, as outlined in the suggestions I submitted originally. It would also retain the co-joined identity for these residential properties with those nearby (all being originally built as workers' houses for an old factory, since demolished and replaced by "new" housing).

These properties also face similar issues across the 2 wards e.g., ASB, landlords poorly maintaining private rented properties, and consequences of over-occupied HMOs, housing Roma and other Eastern European migrant workers (which also extends into other parts of Lye e.g., Cemetery Road, Albert Street).

Additionally, as I mentioned in my original submission, all the nearest facilities are on Lye High Street, a 5 minute walk away, whereas those in Cradley & Wollescote are 20 minutes away. The local community centre and bus stops are even closer.

### **BUSINESS PARKS**

Making the suggested alterations and "moving" the roads as identified above would keep all the factory units and business parks within the Cradley & Wollescote ward, thus avoiding the concerns that were raised in response to my proposals (Point 48 on page 15).

These units and premises are located at one end of Crabbe Street, and they would then be in an area running from Fletcher Street, and through onto Balds Lane. This would avoid the development being split, and the ward boundary going through it. On the opposite side of Crabbe Street, there is a small part at the end closest to the roundabout, which contains more current and former factory premises. This would again fit with remaining in Cradley & Wollescote.

Although Crabbe Street would still be split across the 2 wards, I believe these changes differentiate between the residential and industrial building usage.

For continuity I also suggested previously that Hill Bank and Belmont Road also be moved to Lye & Stourbridge North, as they form part of the same neighbourhood, and otherwise would be isolated from the rest of the local area.

Elsewhere in the report there is mention of Lye and Wollescote being joined in a single ward. I don't have sufficient examples of community evidence, but they used to be linked together in the past.