

Walsall

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Response to Boundary Review Walsall Borough 2024 – Cllr Adrian Andrew Pheasey Park Farm Ward

Pheasey Park Farm Ward

The addition of half of Park Hall from Paddock Ward to Pheasey Park Farm is not the right move, although I understand the Commission works on numbers, I would argue that there is no natural relationship between Park Hall and Pheasey Park Farm. The proposal also splits the Park Hall community in half with its local shopping Centre and Pub in a different ward to the other half of Park Hall. There are also no direct physical links between Park Hall and Pheasey Park Farm ward without effectively driving out of the Ward. Many people on the Orchard Hills Estate, which is closest to Park Hall in Pheasey Park Farm Ward have their own shopping facilities, Church and Pub and very much use Aldridge and Walsall which links them to the rest of Pheasey Park Farm. May I suggest that more of the Greenbelt areas come into a Pheasey Park Farm and Barr Beacon Ward. With the boundary running down Queslett Road East to Aldridge Road, incorporating the left-hand side of Aldridge Road (with a little incursion to ensure Streetly Scouts is still in Streetly Ward) to Beacon Hill and to run behind the Houses on Beacon Hill and incorporate both sides of Sutton Road to the former Three Crowns Pub. It would be helpful to have the Greenbelt issues coalesce in one or two wards rather than be split as they are now. The suggested boundary would include potential development sites should they ever get permission boosting numbers into the future.

Pheasey Park Farm is a unique community in that it may be on the border of Birmingham but was historically part of Staffordshire and Aldridge Council (then Aldridge Brownhills UDC), rather than being a formal part of Birmingham. Barr Beacon itself is very much a unifier in the area as the name suggests it was a beacon in days gone by and recently we have re-introduced the Beacon for the jubilee's of her late majesty and recently the Coronation. Barr Beacon Memorial is a War memorial originally dedicated, for World War 1 and following the rededication in 2018 We hold a

remembrance event on Barr Beacon that local schools and residents attend, so bringing greenbelt and rural area under a Pheasey Park Farm and Barr Beacon Ward could make sense.

Town Centre Wards

By re-uniting the Park Hall community Paddock could then add Delves with Broadway and Broadway West and Broadway North as the boundary. This is a great opportunity to reunite Caldmore Community which is currently split between Palfrey and St Matthews and Chuckery Community which is currently split between St Matthews and Paddock. It seems to make sense that the Ring Road around Walsall would make a sensible boundary and create wards within that boundary. With one or two Town Centre wards it would focus attention for the elected members on the issues of the Town Centre without being incumbered by conflicting issues elsewhere. I would argue that the Butts is clearly part of the town with the clear pedestrian links and not part of Rushall. I would argue that Hatherton (where Rushall Parish Church is) would be considered part of Rushall and it would seem sensible from the railway bridge that Lichfield Road is the physical boundary, and The Butts is added to a town centre or Blakenall Ward.

Short Heath and Willenhall North

I concur with my Colleagues Cllr Josh Whitehouse and Cllr Adam Hicken.

Birchills Leamore, Blakenall Wards and St Matthews

I think the comments that Cllr Hicken have made are sensible and could be incorporated into my own comments.

Attached Documents:

None attached