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Related subject: Proposed boundary change for Bell Heath/End from Belbroughton and Clent Hills to Woodvale, Catshill

Electoral Review of Bell Heath/End Boundary.

I am sending this in response to the proposed boundary change which has been brought upon Bell Heath/End by individuals with no ties or knowledge of the area or our community having 'a drive round' and deciding it would be a good fit for us to be joined with Wood vale. There has been no consultation with residents either individually or collectively to gauge our feelings . This comes down to voting and numbers. If this boundary change goes ahead it means our local schools will no longer be in our catchment area. Generations of families who have attended the same local schools will not be able to send their children there. They will have to go to urban, not rural schools. There may be travel issues getting to the school also. We will have to change doctors surgeries, move from doctors we have known and been familiar with for many years. Our historic ties with Belbroughton and Clent will be severed. All the above will be affected so the numbers can be balanced for voting purposes. We, as a rural community will not be heard or represented. The urban voice will shout louder and will be heard. Our rural voice will be unheard. Our rural needs are very different from urban needs. We reside in unspoilt green belt countryside. It is so because of the support and representation of passionate Belbroughton Parish Councillors and our voted representative. They are our go to when we have issues with proposals which are not in keeping with our green belt area. This is why Bell Heath/End remains so picturesque and perfect. We would not get this level of support or commitment if we are connected with Woodvale. Please do not put this under threat just to juggle the electoral voting numbers. Bell Heath/End has a small rural community and we want it to be kept this way. We have strong links with Belbroughton and Clent Hills. We do not want our identity to be taken away. Had we been approached by the LG BCE regarding this matter they would have had a chance to see first hand how passionate the residents are for this proposed boundary change not to take place.

Attached Documents:

None attached