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Related subject: Electoral Boundary Change Proposals - Belbroughton (Bromsgrove District)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the proposed electoral boundary change to remove an area of Belbroughton Parish (incorporating Bell End, Bell Heath, Newtown and Madeley Heath) from the Clent Hills area and add it to the Woodvale Area to the south.

We have only recently been made aware of the proposals by third party word of mouth. It is stated that a public consultation is taking place. This does not appear to be the case as our neighbours were similarly unaware.

It is stated that one of the reasons for the proposed boundary change is to 'reflect the identity and interests of local communities'. This could not be further from reality and demonstrates that this proposal has been thought up by people that do not know or understand the community and its history. I suspect that there is an ulterior motive and this is more about statistics!

I would like to make the following points in support of my objection:

- Our geographical position is on the side of the Clent Hills. We have a rural environment. We do not live in an urban locality such as Catshill.
- We have very strong links to Belbroughton and Clent villages. Our son went to Clent Nursery School and now attends Belbroughton Primary School.

- We use and support all of the facilities in Belbroughton village, including shops, pubs, clubs, church etc.
- The first Scythe mill run by Issac Nash is located in this area. A direct historical association with the Belbroughton parish.
- There is a concern within the community that this proposal could lead to proposed changes to the parish boundary in the future, thereby affecting school catchments, property prices etc.
- We have no connection with the Woodvale area to the south, do not use their facilities and do not wish to be a part of it.

Regards

Resident of Gorse Green Lane, Belbroughton

Attached Documents:

None attached