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For the attention of the: Review Officer (Worcestershire)  
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
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Blythe, NE24 9FE

Dear Sirs,

I have recently become aware of draft proposals to change our county council boundary from the Clent Hills to Woodvale. I was not personally notified.

My husband was brought up in our house during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and we married in 1965. I am now on my own. Our children were all brought up here. I continue to enjoy the community I live within and its surroundings when I am well enough. I rely on the close proximity of my doctors' surgery at the Glebeland in Belbroughton. If the boundary were to change I would not be able to access doctors so close to hand.

I have easy access to Belbroughton when my daughter drives me. Neighbouring children go to schools in Belbroughton and Hagley and have coaches which take them to school. Such choices would not be available to our children in the future if we were forced to change our county division.

The area is a part of the rural district of Clent and Belbroughton. Each week, when I was able. I would walk up Calshot Hill to the Clent Hills bridle path and ridge often meeting friends along the way. Neighbours in the Gutter close by have been part of our lifelong community within Clent and Belbroughton.

We also look to Belbroughton for our local shop and post office. We have been a part of Belbroughton Parish for centuries. They and their councillors have always strived to meet our needs. My husband often went to the pubs in Belbroughton to meet his friends. Our local pub The Bell at Bell End is also in the proposed boundary change area. The pub was the only one in Worcestershire on the 16<sup>th</sup> Century Maps. The name 'Bel' predates 1066AD.

Our rural needs are very different from those urban ones that much of the Woodvale has. These would be the two different areas and identities of Woodvale which would seem to make it very difficult to provide effective and convenient local government. This would go against the point raised as one of the main considerations of the Local Government Boundary Commission proposals. We would be an offshoot as the map of the area shows our true location in the Clent Hills division. I have voted at Belbroughton for many, many years and hope to continue for as long as possible.

Yours sincerely

  
