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Hi Dani

I've just returned from a very local residents meeting held outside our local pub, The Holly Bush Inn. The meeting was attended by approximately 50 local residents and were addressed by Councillor Karen May.

A boundary review has been taking place over the last 15 months. None of us were aware of this. It was only in the middle of last week that we learnt that the review was proposing changes which would move us from Clent to Madeley and thus take away our identity as Belbroughton residents. We all feel very strongly that we are an integral part of Belbroughton and Clent.

Reading the report it states that it regards "the A491 as a strong identifiable boundary in this area" and "we propose to move Bell End and Bell Heath" to Madeley (most of us have no idea where Madeley is). The A 491 is not in our view a boundary; it simply a road which we cross when walking to our local village. The review states that it is satisfied that this change is an appropriate boundary. They go on to say they would be interested in hearing local opinion, but have left it very late in the day to get those views, so late that we would doubt their sincerity in wanting to hear our voices.

The fact that 50 residents from our immediate locality were able to attend this meeting is a reflection of our feelings. Karen May told us that the District Council opposed the proposals.

We need all the help and support we can muster to stop this action. We successfully opposed the previous review proposal in 2013/14 which set out to move us from Belbroughton to Romsley and want to preserve our identity and community.

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Very best wishes

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Attached Documents:

None attached