

# Coventry

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Boundary review

I am writing in support of the Conservative Group submission that would keep Westwood heath as part of Westwood.

I have a vast local knowledge of the area having been a Cllr since 2008.

I have also lived in Westwood ward for 24 years.

I know the communities well as I also captained a rugby side in Canley in the 1980's.

The proposal of transferring QG into Wainbody ward where there are no community links seems very short sighted.

The argument on Coventry Councils proposal and the recommendation that have been put forward that Westwood heath is separated from Canley by a business park does not give a full picture, in fact that is one end of Canley. They forget to put that there are pathways to the woods from both sides so are connected within a 5 to 15 minute walk depending on the route through the business park.

The Coventry council proposal also does not point out that Westwood heath and Canley are linked all the way up Charter avenue by these short walks, the shortest in By Parkwood lane where the width of a football field separate Westwood heath from the top part of Canley which is then only a 5 minute walk to Tile hill station and another 5 minutes to Tile hill village.

The Conservative group proposal to keep QG as part of Westwood and put QF into Wainbody would be more in keeping communities together as a large proportion of QF is now student population who visit the University which is in Wainbody daily.

Warwick university also have strong links with the Canley community centre (QF) on Prior deram where bi monthly their Warwick volunteers help out with community projects including the pop up cafe, Canley parade and numerous community events which has included the, arts projects , outdoor cinema, picnic in the park, sporting events.

To my knowledge Westwood heath have never engaged with the Warwick volunteers as all their work is done in QF in the local area.

People that know and live in the area have more links with the middle and top parts of Canley (Ten shilling woods up to Cromwell lane) and Tile hill village than they do with any part of Wainbody or cannon park shopping area.

Cannon park shopping area is only normally accessed by car unless you live in QF or Wainbody ward which has direct walk routes

The major part of Westwood heath is linked to Canley and Tile hill village by walkable paths, woodland areas where a short walk of 5 to 10 minutes get you from Westwood heath to Tile hill village or the middle and top end of Canley.

Westwood heath residents use Tile hill village for shopping, train station, doctors and are within 5 to 10 minute walk or a few minutes drive/cycle. To state or say Westwood heath have more links with Cannon hill shopping area than Tile hill village and the middle/top end of Canley is just untrue.

Westwood heath residents if visiting cannon hill shopping area would take an average of 45 minute to 1 hour trip. This is estimated to travel park 5 minute shop then return.

By contrast Westwood heath residents visiting Tile hill village or Parts of Canley with take an average of 15 to 20 minutes.

The nearest chip shot/takeaway are located in Tile hill village as is the doctors surgery, Minimarkets, garage , barbers, hair dressers and other businesses are all located in Tile hill village on Station avenue.

The reality is the communities are linked and local people visit Tile hill village more time than they would cannon park were they would probably use one for their weekly shop.

Westwood heath residents association have strong links with Tile hill village residents association and there are activities planned going forward that include wild flower planting and tree planting.

Both groups support each others litter picking and community events.

There are no links from Westwood heath towards Wainbody or the university other than email exchanges normally complaining about students behaviour.

In summary QG in Westwood Heath have strong working community links with Tile hill village and the middle/top part of Canley from Ten shilling woods all the way up Charter avenue to Parkwood meadows and Cromwell lane.

QF have community links with the university outreach program with Warwick volunteers and the funding they received to specifically work in Canley which has included the Canley parade, arts projects , outdoor cinema and Cannon park shopping area due to the students population and direct walking access.

This is why I support the Conservative group proposal which gives a true understanding of the community links in the area.

I would also keep the name Westwood as Canley and Tile hill are in 3 separate parts.

Tile hill south, Tile hill north and Tile hill village.

I have lived in Coventry for over 40 years and everyone who lives in Canley will explain there are 3 sections to Canley.

Bottom from Cannon park to Mitchel ave.

Middle from Mitchel ave to Wolf road then the top end from Wolfe road to Cromwell lane.

These are real and vibrant communities and linking Westwood heath with Wainbody would not help in the least.

## **Attached Documents:**

- Boundary submission.pdf

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