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Attached Documents:

- Lower Stoke Lower Stoke-Boundary Commission-file sent-19-01-2024.docx

Dear Boundary Commissioners,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As a resident of Lower Stoke in Coventry, I am writing to submit five carefully considered suggestions aimed at ensuring the equality of wards while preserving the cohesion of existing communities with historical significance. In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the esteemed Poets Corner within Box Jh of Lower Stoke, bounded by Ansty Road, Walsgrave Road, Binley Road, and Hipswell Highway. The roads within this area bear names such as Wordsworth, Tennyson, Longfellow, and Browning, and it serves as a cherished and tightly knit community. I respectfully disagree that the areas mentioned should move to Upper Stoke and I am suggesting ideas as to how this may be achieved.

My five suggestions for consideration are outlined below (also attached are pictures of the draft ward lines) :

1. Preserve Poet's Corner (between Hipswell Highway, Ansty Road, Walsgrave Road, and Longfellow) within Lower Stoke: This area has a rich heritage and a strong sense of community pride. It is imperative to maintain this cohesion for the collective civic pride of the local residents.

2. Include the area between Walsgrave Road, Marlborough Road, Binley Road, and Jimmy Hill Way in Upper Stoke: With the addition of both sides of Marlborough Road to Upper Stoke, this adjustment will align with the existing community dynamics and facilitate a seamless transition.

3. Establish a new community named Stoke Village (including Grandeur Drive, Hussar Close, Gibraltar Close, Coldstream Close) within St. Michael's: Designate the region between Binley Road, Humber Road, and Terry Road as Stoke Village to foster a sense of community identity and cooperation. There is an old railway line may be seen as a boundary between lower stoke and the St. Michael ward. Including this area in St Michael's is far more desirable than breaking some old, well-established communities.

4. Consider relocating both sides of Hipswell Highway to Wyken: Given the -1% deviation in the draft, the relocation of both sides of Hipswell Highway to Wyken would not only address this discrepancy but also contribute to the overall improvement of Wyken's geographical alignment.

If we have to give more area to Upper Stoke then consider moving the Avenues as a community: this area is highlighted by the dark yellow, mustard line and this will have far less impact on breaking Lower Stoke Communities as the Avenues and other roads near the Walsgrave road are community in itself.

5. Just move the St. Michael's boundary to Marlborough Road then it will cover the area to Humber Road, Terry Road and all the way down to Humber Road until it reaches London Road or the live railway track. This is shown as a separate picture with the blue marked lines.

I am confident that these recommendations, when implemented, will align St. Michael, Upper Stoke, and Lower Stoke with the proposed draft's margins while upholding the unique identities and historical ties of each community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,





