

Coventry

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To whom it may concern.

I wish to register in the strongest terms my objection to Styvechale Grange being removed from Wainbody Ward to Earlsdon Ward.

My objections rest on two observations. First, before living on Styvechale Grange, I lived in Maidavale Crescent on the other side of the Leamington Road. It always struck me as absurd that we were included in the Earlsdon Ward. During the 44 years we lived there, I never saw or was canvassed by, any person standing for election in Earlsdon. Earlsdon [and Chapelfields adjoining Earlsdon] have always created a coherent and almost organic part of the city. Maidavale Crescent is as divorced from these as it is possible to be.[At the time I thought it would make more sense for this area to be part of Cheylesmore rather than Earlsdon as, at least, there was some physical connection with that area.]

Secondly, since moving to Dewsbury Avenue six years ago, I have been impressed by the cohesive nature of the area, its links to the wider Wainbody Ward and the willingness of its local councillors to engage with the local community. We have always found them most active on our behalf [and I can say that politically I am not an adherent of the present councillors' party]. Going on my previous experience in Maidavale Cres. I cannot believe that there would be such interest by the Earlsdon Councillors as they are more interested in Earlsdon as such.

Thirdly, if you look at your boundary map, you will see that the area from the east side of the Kenilworth Road, which includes the Grange plus the part of Styvechale on the other side of the Leamington Road, it looks like a triangle of land that has just been stuck on to the Earlsdon Ward to make up numbers. Your decision to use the A45 as the defining line is, I think in this case, erroneous. The defining line here should be the Kenilworth Road, as I am sure you will have noticed there is a very large park separating Green Lane/Styvechale Grange. This is a much more pertinent boundary!

Again, I urge you to reconsider the current proposals which, frankly, do not make sense.

As an Adjunct to my objections for our area, I cannot see the sense of adding the long southern strip of Coventry on the other side of the Kenilworth Road to Wainbody. It is as divorced from the area as we are from Earlsdon. It seems to me this has just been done to even-up numbers, not to maintain coherent communities.

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Attached Documents:

None attached