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Dear Boundary Commissions,

I hope this letter finds you well. As a resident of Lower Stoke in Coventry, I am writing to submit four 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 above mentioned are should go to Upper Stoke and I am giving ideas as shown below

My five suggestions for consideration are outlined below (also attached a picture 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 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 Grander 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. It is mentioned that the old railway line may be seen as boundary between Lower Stoke and St. Micheals, that boundary does not have any relevance as for many years it is imaginary as it does not exist anymore. Including this area in St Micheals 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.

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

6. Just move the St. Michael's boundary to Marlborough Road then it goes to Humber Road, Terry Road and all the way down to Humber Road until it reaches London Road or live railway track. This is shown as a separate picture in the blue mark 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,

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Attached Documents:

- 1 Lower Stoke Lower Stoke-Boundary Commission-pic sent-15-01-2024.jpg
- 2 Lower Stoke area going to St Michael's pic sent.jpg

