# Coventry

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Proposal to move styvechale grange estate from Wainbody to Earlsdon Ward

Although I have been living at ▉▉▉▉▉ since March 2022 , I lived at ▉▉▉▉▉ from August 1986 until that date so I have an intimate knowledge of the estate and its surroundings. I disagree with the suggestion to shift the Styvechale Grange estate into Earlsdon Ward for the following reasons :

- one assumption appears to be that the A45 is a natural barrier with the community or facilities on the south side . I know from my own tenure of 36 years on the estate that families there have always used medical , retail, library and school facilities on the south side . I have never seen anything like this in terms of links with the communities based in Earlsdon Ward to the west of the Kenilworth Road.

- I understand that this is also an exercise in trying to level up the numbers of voters in each ward but this cannot by itself just be a mathematical exercise. Each community has its own distinctive features and sense of identity. Styvechale Grange has developed a thriving residents association over the years which has made it distinct from the remainder of the community living in what was traditionally known as Styvechale on both sides of the Leamington Road. Being part of an Earlsdon Ward (that draws its name and identity from the community living to the west of Kenilworth Road) would not be satisfactory for a community whose only remaining sense of identity would be on road signs and road markings highlighting the new spelling of 'Stivichall'. Effectively the traditional community of Styvechale would be split up between the two wards presently known as Earlsdon and Styvechale.

- In conclusion my disagreements are based on the A45 being seen as a natural boundary between wards , and on disregarding a natural and distinct sense of community.

# Attached Documents:

*None attached*