

# Coventry

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**Related subject:** Coventry North East

I am writing in response to the initial report of the LGBCE for Coventry. I broadly welcome the recommendations and believe that they are on the whole a fair and proportionate solution to the population changes in the city. I do however support some of the minor additions contained in the response submitted by Coventry City Council and Coventry Labour Party.

I have been the Member of Parliament for Coventry North East since 2015, prior to that I was a councillor for both Wyken and Upper Stoke ward and have spent most of my life active in local politics in Coventry. As mentioned above the initial proposal of the LGBCE is well considered and respects many of the established community links that exist in the current wards.

I offer the following comments regarding the wards which currently make up Coventry North East.

Foleshill and Longford: These wards do not change under the proposal, I believe this is a fair reflection of the well-established communities which make up the wards.

Henley and Wyken: As a former Wyken councillor, I am glad to see that the LGBCE agreed with the proposal to move the majority of box FF from Henley to Wyken. This was an area that has long been considered part of Wyken. I would also speak in support of including all of Hipswell Highway in Wyken ward. I believe this would allow for more effective local government than having the relatively short stretch of road divided between three different wards.

Lower Stoke and Upper Stoke: Whilst I appreciate the solution reached by the LGBCE, I remain convinced that the correct solution to the growing population in Lower Stoke would be to transfer the housing estate on the former Humber factory site to St. Michael's ward. Furthermore I am concerned that by moving the boundary of the ward to Longfellow Road will see the Poet's Corner neighbourhood split. I still believe that Ansty road is a better boundary between Upper and Lower Stoke.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*