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Related subject: Cradley Heath and Old Hill

I have examined the proposed boundary changes in detail and I have concerns relating to the Boundary Commission's proposals relating to separating Old Hill from Cradley Heath and moving it to join with Blackheath. This proposal does not appear to take into account the geographical closeness of Old Hill and Cradley Heath. Culturally, socially and geographically these areas are very similar unlike Old Hill and Blackheath. Blackheath is at top of the hill above both Cradley Heath and Old Hill and is not part of the same area. For example for shopping Old Hill residents generally go to the Tesco Extra supermarket in Cradley Heath and not Sainsbury's in Blackheath, as it is felt to be too far away. This also applies to other shops and amenities.

I believe that the natural closeness of Cradley Heath and Old Hill needs to be taken into consideration and a more natural boundary proposed. This would logically seem to be the A459 Heathfield Way and also along Station Road and Waterfall Lane. I believe that the natural closeness of the two areas should be maintained as it would be detrimental to the local residents to lose this longstanding affiliation to each other.

Attached Documents:

None attached