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Related subject: Rowley Regis

I have had family connections to Rowley Regis and would like to comment on your draft wards.

Rowley Regis is made up of different towns and some estates that are pretty independent in themselves. The towns are Cradley Heath, old hill, Blackheath and the estates are like Springfield and brick house.

Your attempt to put all of Cradley Heath together is a good one because it is currently split over three different wards. I've always thought waterfall lane was part of Cradley Heath and the top of there forms the border when you go into Blackheath, so I see this is going into the new Cradley Heath ward which is a good outcome to put all of the area in one ward.

Also, around Brook Lane in Cradley Heath is currently in Rowley which makes no sense as it is completely detached from the rest of Rowley by big industrial estates. It should go into Cradley Heath or Old Hill, although the address says Cradley Heath.

Merging the Brick house and Old Hill makes sense since they're right next to each other, and putting Old Hill with Blackheath is also fine because it allows all of Cradley Heath to be put together.

The rest of the Rowley Regis estates seem to come under Rowley ward which is sensible. Previously all these were quite separate estates like the brick house and Springfield and Rowley hall, so they do have to go somewhere and having all the estates in one words. But putting brick

house in Old Hill and then having all the nearer estates that merge into one another like around Buckingham Road and Rowley hall is sensible since they aren't connected to any specific town.

Thanks for reading my comments.

Attached Documents:

None attached