

Derby City Council

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Dear Boundary Commission, I would suggest that the current boundaries to Chaddesden make good sense, and there would be little reason to change them dramatically. The ancient parish boundaries, largely identical to the government electoral boundaries, represent real geographical and socio-demographic distinctiveness. The boundary between Chaddesden and Derwent is a little grey- especially on Chaddesden Park Road, but by and large residents of the Derwent ward look to their own shopping precincts and their own hubs. Likewise at the Oakwood end, there is a grey area around Cavendish Close Schools where residents may look to either Oakwood or Chaddesden as their hub, but by and large these communities have separate identities and separate issues. This is reflected in housing prices, where residents turn to for shopping, parks and entertainment, and local concerns. The geographic boundaries to the east (Acorn Way) and to the south (the Wyvern retail park and Rolls Royce factories) make it unreasonable to make much movement here: Spondon is a very different community and either absorbing or seceding housing to Spondon would make no sense at all. Counsellors looking after Spondon would not easily traverse the roads and fields that separate these two neighbourhoods. As the vicar of Chaddesden, I greatly appreciate being able to relate to the three counsellors who are directly responsible for this area. The people they care for are the people I care for. It would get rather awkward if I had to check parish boundaries against electoral boundaries in order to work out which counsellor I needed to speak to about any particular parishioner. Thank you.

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