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I am the parish priest of the Catholic Church of St Michael on Coalway Road. There has been a worshipping community here since the 1920s on our site. Since 1985 we have been in an Ecumenical Covenant with the Anglican Church St Bartholemew, the United Reform Church on the Penn Road and the Methodists on Warstones lane. All these churches are within the Penn boundary at present. We have worked together as the churches in Penn for over 35 years, cooperating on many projects in the local area. Penn has been the focus of our parish community and it seems totally unnecessary for the boundary to suddenly exclude the church from this community. An open meeting was held in our parish Hall on Friday 3rd September for local residents and about 50 people attended. All were very upset about the idea of leaving Penn. There was a major concern that very few people knew about this plan, even though the deadline is September 6th. They also pointed out that many residents in the area are elderly and do not use the internet, which would prevent them being able to respond in time. Monsignor Mark Crisp Parish Priest

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