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I strongly oppose your draft proposals, and recommend that Penn Ward boundaries remain as they currently are. Our Penn Ward shares many similarities with Merry Hill, Tettenhall Regis and Tettenhall Wightwick with those wards having already been recommended by LGBCE and local council to remain as they are. Penn has a clearly identifiable community identity derived from its location and much loved community groups, local services, places of worship and libraries. Furthermore, the test around clear boundaries is definitely comprised as relinquishing both sides of the Coalway Road to Graiseley, and taking both sides of Goldthorn Hill and Coton Road to Blakenhall leaves Penn Ward with no strong, clearly identifiable boundaries. The test in relation to reflecting community identity has been ignored. Penn Ward will lose its much respected and only Catholic Church in our community, St Michael's Church. The average number of electors in a Ward per Councillor is 3,175. The proposal to maintain Penn Ward as it is will still leave Councillors with electors within the range of 10% of the average of electors over the forecast of 2026. Penn Ward has so many much loved shops including local hairdressers, and corner shops, plus all the other shops located around the corner of Coalway Road. These shops are well used by local people, and these unique shops are part and parcel of the character of Penn Ward. This community shopping area fits well within Penn Ward. Graiseley already has its own shopping communities. I made the decision to move to Penn, and bring up my family here. Had I wanted to raise my family in Graiseley I would have done so. These are just some of the reasons why I strongly oppose the boundaries being changed, and wish for them to remain as they are, and Penn Ward boundaries to remain as they are

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