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To whom it may concern, I would like to submit the following comments regarding the Boundary commission changes affecting the Village Ward of Trafford. I have lived close to the Broomwood Estate all of my 63 years. I have seen it develop from a place of great need to a place of lesser need, I have watched it develop into a thriving community. I emphasise the word COMMUNITY as it takes many years, decades, generations even for an areas demographics to establish. I am concerned how the draft changes set out and if accepted, would adversely affect the community of the Broomwood Estate, 95% of which is currently in Village Ward. The Broomwood Estate will be cut in half, breaking up a village of people, a community that has developed in its own right, dissecting it into 2 new wards; Hale Barns and Timperley South and Timperley Central. I believe that this should not happen for the following reasons:- It is locally recognised that the Broomwood Estate is a community defined as a social and geographical area in its own right in the Timperley area. These people who live in Broomwood would themselves describe the area as Broomwood, Timperley. In the 1950s the Broomwood estate was established of social housing, that being in itself a step further down in the pecking order of life as many of us know it. Many people still live in the same areas as they grew up, not being able to make any socially transitions to owning their own homes etc. The area has, in its geographical heart both the Broomwood Primary School and the Broomwood Health & Wellbeing Centre. NOTE not Timperley but Broomwood. The parade of shops are known as the Broomwood Shops. You may note that at the heart of Broomwood is the Lakes Medical Centre (named after the many roads on Broomwood; themselves named after the many Lakes in the Lake district). It is home to the Doctors Surgery and a Dentist. The building itself lies between the School and the shopping parade. Again at the heart of the Broomwood community cementing all these important social providers together. Broomwood also has a resident led 'Broomwood Community Association' and a 'Broomwood Partnership' that is made up of statutory and voluntary agencies and that is supported by the Local Authority. Both of these groups work specifically for the benefit of Broomwood and have been running for many years. The charity G-Force is particularly on my heart as I have watched all involved in helping the Broomwood community street by street, individual by individual especially this last pandemic 2 years Added to this, and just as important though, is the fact that Broomwood suffers with a high degree of deprivation with many families suffering with a range of social, health and economic issues. Because of these pressures on so many residents it is underrepresented politically as many residents reside in an apathy not finding the will to vote, as life offers enough struggles and demands for them as it is. Because of the apathetic political quagmire the residents of Broomwood find themselves in, they naturally find themselves in a weekend political position of 1 particularly active local Ward councillor who works very hard on their behalf. As things lie at present, and because of the present political understanding, Broomwood does get extra financial and facility assistance. It is very much my concern that if Broomwood were split into 2 halves it could so very easily be missed from so many needed financial and social assistance because of the much wealthier Hale Barnes Ward and the Timperley Ward places of multi millionaires who can easily hop in their 4x4s and transit themselves to where ever they wish to go to find the facilities that they can afford and desire. This proposed split of Broomwood will be a body blow of such high proportion to its whole community I have happened upon someone else's remarks below that I also take up very strongly: For clarity the Broomwood community to me (and most residents) is recognised as being the area to the south of Shaftesbury Avenue, the east of Thorley Lane, north of Ridgeway Road and follows the western boundary of Fairywell Brook. Within that areas there are small pockets of private houses that could easily be moved into new wards but if you believe that real communities be represented properly in the process Broomwood must continue to be in just one ward. I'm a great believer in aspirations, and assisting those with a desire to move forward in life. More often than not, people improve with small steps in life, by moving Broomwood into the proposed 2 Wards, it will be likened to a mallet

on the head for the residents of 5 steps back Please consider the above thoughts for what I believe a better Broomwood staying just as it is, evolving with your help one step forwards at a time. With all my regards [REDACTED]

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