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Hello,

I am a resident of Moor Ward, Chesterfield. I have tried to submit my observations on the Commission's proposed ward boundary changes for Chesterfield Borough Council but the web link for submitting comments appears not to be working.

My comments relate to the proposed boundary for what, under the Commission's proposals, will become Whittington Moor Ward. My observations are as follows:

1. The proposals document implies that Dukes Drive is not in the present Moor Ward but will be taken into the proposed Whittington Moor ward under the proposed changes. In fact Dukes Drive is currently in Moor Ward and will not be affected by the proposed boundary change.

2. Whereas I support the proposal in principle, recognising that the number of Councillors in the Borough needs to be reduced and hence the size of many polling wards will need to be increased, there may be a problem with the proposed title "Whittington Moor" Ward. The name "Whittington Moor" refers to the part of Chesterfield centred on the section of Sheffield Road between the roundabout where it adjoins Peveril Road and Lockoford Lane and the large roundabout fed by the A61 dual carriageway, Dunston Road and Station Road. Indeed, this latter roundabout is known in Chesterfield as the "Whittington Moor roundabout". The commission's proposals have the effect of placing a large part of Sheffield Road and the adjoining streets between School Road and the aforementioned Whittington Moor roundabout, well known as the centre of Whittington Moor, into the proposed Dunston Ward. Unfortunately, I cannot think of a way of renaming the proposed Whittington Moor ward to overcome this problem.

3. The northern boundary of the proposed Whittington Moor Ward passes along Stand Road. This is a sensible boundary. However, for reasons that I cannot fathom, part way along Stand Road the boundary dog legs around Elm Lodge Farm Close thus pushing the ten or so houses and the care home located on that close, as well as the houses on Stand Road next to the junction with the close, into Dunston Ward. This seems illogical and affords no benefit as far as I can see. Further along Stand Road, for example, other properties on the same side of Stand Road as the houses on Elm Lodge Farm Close, including the Parkside residential complex, remain in Whittington Moor Ward. This seems to be inconsistent. Why has it been decided to treat the properties at Elm Lodge Farm Close in this way? In my opinion it would be more logical for the boundary not to dog leg around Elm Lodge Farm Close but to run in a straight line down the centre of Stand Road.

Thank you.

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This is my second comment on the proposed boundary changes. Further to my earlier comments, as a resident of the current Moor Ward I wish to support the commission in its rejection of the Labour Group's proposals for new boundaries for Whittington Moor Ward. The A61 dual carriageway forms a major boundary to the demography/delineation of local communities. It makes no sense to include part of the Old Whittington community within the proposed Whittington Moor Ward. Whittington Moor and Old Whittington are entirely separate and distinct communities with their own separate local centres. It is no doubt true that some residents of Old Whittington do travel e.g. by car to Whittington Moor for certain purposes but the same is true of residents of any Ward. I travel to Morrison's supermarket at Staveley but that does not mean that it would be sensible to combine my Ward with that of one of the Staveley wards. It would make no sense to have a major dual carriageway bypass road and a main line railway running through the middle of the proposed Whittington Moor Ward.

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This is further to my two previous contributions as a resident of Moor Ward. In my first submission I pointed to the fact the proposed new Whittington Moor ward does not include a significant part of what is known and accepted locally as Whittington Moor I.e Sheffield Road, and all the streets leading off Sheffield Road between its junctions with Peveril Road and the large Whittington Moor roundabout where the A61 bypass, Dunston Road , Station Rd and Brimmington Road North Join. The proposals put all of Sheffield Road and streets leading off it to the north of School Road into the proposed Dunston Ward. But this area is in fact the centre of Whittington Moor. Given that the number of Councillors overall must be reduced maybe an alternative would be for the proposed Whittington Moor ward to be a two councillor ward but instead of it taking in a large section of what is currently St Helens Ward, namely much of Tapton View Road, Gloucester Road, one side of Highfield Road and the streets leading off Highfield Road towards Sheffield Road, the ward could instead expand northward to take in the whole of Sheffield Road and streets leading off it together with Avenue Road, the Windsor Gardens estate (Highgrove Road etc), all of St Johns Road, Scarsdale Road, Albert Street North, the whole of Racecourse Road and the streets leading off it (Edmund St, Mountcastle Street), Wordsworth Road and streets off. The residents of these streets will certainly identify with Whittington Moor. All this area is within the proposed Dunston Ward shown on the proposals map. By taking this into the proposed Whittington Moor Ward could the new Dunston Ward then reasonably become a two Councillor ward instead of a three councillor ward? The size of the Dunston Ward would be reduced and the centre of the proposed Whittington Moor ward would be shifted towards what is widely recognised as the centre of Whittington Moor. But certainly attempting to span the A61 dual carriageway and railway line with the new Whittington Moor Ward makes no sense at all. These features form a natural boundary between the separate communities of Whittington Moor and Old Whittington.

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