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I would like to ask that due consideration is given to restoring a ward for the whole of Cradley. The current division is unsatisfactory as it pairs Hayley Green with part of Cradley and Wollescote with the rest. Cradley is a distinct community that has potential for development and improvement and needs to have a clear set of voices on the council to advocate for it. Wollescote would be more logically served by being paired with Lye or Pedmore. I appreciate that a Cradley division may not meet the quota of electors, so if it needs to be paired with a neighbouring area then the Belle Vale area would be logical (the actual area around the road of that name as opposed to the current ward). A Cradley and Belle Vale ward would represent a real physical community with shared interests, which is not necessarily the case currently with Cradley and Hayley Green or Wollescote, where open countryside separates the constituent parts. If the Belle Vale ward has to go as a result of this, it will not be missed as people simply don't identify with it - especially those who live on the other side of the Stourbridge Road or nearer to the town centre . A Central Halesowen ward would make more sense, to include the Hawne and Short Cross neighbourhoods, with Hasbury possibly part of the Hayley Green ward. These would be areas and communities that more people could more easily identify with. I totally appreciate that there are parameters that the Commission must work within and no perfect answers but I hope that my suggestions will at least give some scope for thought and I look forward to seeing the initial recommendations. Thank you for your time.

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