

Coventry

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Related subject: I have given comment on the proposals submitted by Coventry City Council and Coventry Labour Party

I support the proposals put forward by Coventry Labour Party and Coventry City Council.

The proposals recognise existing boundaries and suggest changes proportionate to the challenges in reaching electoral equality in the North West and South of the city.

The proposals respect well established boundaries in the city and use previous boundary changes to provide electoral equality and also respect community identity.

The proposals put forward relatively small changes with nine boxes all or in part moving, with four being a reversal of previous boundary changes to provide electoral equality, recognise community identity and provide effective and convenient local government.

The proposals also build in future development in the city, particularly in the recommendation around the expansion of Eastern Green with the use of the A45 as a boundary uniting Eastern Green with the emerging Eastern Green SUE.

The proposals make good use of natural boundaries, railway lines and roads to provide easily recognised boundaries whilst respecting communities. It also maintains and enhances the use of main roads that define neighbourhoods such as Tile Hill Lane in the new Tile Hill and Canley Ward, Holyhead Rd that runs through Sherbourne Ward, and Allesley Old Rd in Whoberley, Radford Rd through Radford, Foleshill Rd in

Foleshill Ward to name a few.

The challenge of severe electoral inequality in Wainbody is addressed by looking at how communities relate to each other and bringing in Westwood Heath provides a sensible and proportionate solution.

Bringing in SC from Woodlands into the proposed Tile Hill and Canley Ward unites more of Tile Hill around the community of Tile Hill whilst still recognising Jardine Crescent as a shared shopping area with Woodlands residents.

Likewise bringing AD into Sherbourne unites more of Coundon and also recognises the historical connection between Spon End and Coundon.

By reversing four previous boundary changes it restores historical links better recognising community identity. Changes to St Michael's Ward allow areas such as Cheylesmore and Earlsdon to be unified again, better representing community identity. Box JA moving into St Michael's recognises how new development integrates into surrounding communities. Residents living in this area have the same issue as those living in Charterhouse and use the same schools and local facilities in the area.

A well balanced and proportionate response.

Attached Documents:

None attached