

Chesterfield Borough Council

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Comment text:

I object to your latest proposals for the changes to the Ward boundaries in Hasland. I have lived in Hasland for approximately 26 years and I did actually support the proposals originally published by the Local Government Boundary Commission because for the first time in a generation the whole of the Hasland community would have been brought together again. Hasland has a very strong community and certainly has a very clear identity which centres around the shops located within the centre of the village. To evidence this, an array of community organisations such as scouts/guides, faith groups and after school clubs all operate from buildings that are located within the centre of the Ward such as the Village Hall, Methodist Church and Eastwood park to name a few. It is arguable that Hasland is a self-contained community as it is possible to fulfil all of the resident's needs without leaving its boundaries. In my opinion, the ward of Hasland should be the village of Hasland with the addition of St Philips. The addition of St Philips makes sense and I have always considered it to be part of the Hasland Community, it also contains services such as a local GP surgery (located on St Philips drive) which many of the residents of Hasland are registered with, including myself. I do believe your original proposal recognises this and is within the population ratio of people to councillors that you are seeking to achieve. Therefore, I believe that the natural boundaries of the Hasland Bypass should be considered and, in my opinion, should show/dictate where Hasland Ward should be. In your first proposal which you consulted on in the latter part of 2021, you linked the core of the Spital settlement with Hasland where you stated that bringing these two communities together would enhance/create electoral equality across wards. Upon reading this, it left me quite confused and I could not see how this conclusion was reached, in my view it just did not make sense as there are little to no links between these two communities. Now in your current proposals, you have replaced Spital with Hady, which in my opinion makes even less sense than the addition of Spital. Apart from secondary school children attending in Hasland, in my view, both Spital and Hady are more aligned and identify with Chesterfield Town Centre. There is a clear road, bus and walking routes between these two areas and the town centre. The residents of Spital and Hady typically access GP services within the Town Centre further cementing their connection to that area/community and not Hasland. I acknowledge the road you refer to in your proposal between Hady and Hasland, although, this is very narrow and difficult to navigate meaning for many it is not a feasible route. Kind regards, [REDACTED]

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