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FAO the Derby Review Team

Please find attached the representations from the Liberal Democrat Group on Derby City Council. Further emails will follow this one with attachments.

Regards, Cllr Ruth Skelton
Group Leader
Liberal Democrat Group
Derby City Council

Response from Derby Liberal Democrat Council Group to the Boundary Commission's Proposals for New Ward Boundaries in Derby

The Liberal Democrat Council Group generally welcomes the proposals, but suggests some changes to improve electoral equality, better reflect community interests and identity, and to promote effective and convenient local government.

We agree with the Boundary Commission's proposals for North-East Derby. The creation of Breadsall Hilltop ward does result in a ward where residents feel they better "belong". Residents in the south part of the current Derwent ward identify more closely with Chaddesden.

We agree with the Boundary Commission's proposals for South-East Derby. The new ward of Crewton, Wilmorton & Osmaston brings three small, but similar, communities together. In the current warding pattern, Osmaston residents felt "tacked onto" Sinfin.

We partly agree with the Boundary Commission's proposals for South-West Derby. We agree that Mickleover and Littleover wards are sensible and logical and reflect community identity. Mickleover is slightly oversized, but it has a strong community identity, so taking any part of it away would cause an outcry. It also has strong physical boundaries. Taking the new Manor Kingsway estate out of Littleover and putting it into Abbey is logical. Many Manor Kingsway residents use shopping facilities at Kingsway Retail Park and go to the primary and secondary schools at Bemrose on Uttoxeter New Road in Abbey ward. The proposed Blagreaves ward needs some alterations. At a recent Neighbourhood Forum in the area, we explained the proposed boundaries, which include half the Austin Estate in Blagreaves ward and the other half remaining in Normanton ward. The reaction from the residents was one of annoyance and bafflement. No-one thought Blagreaves has anything in common with the Austin Estate. It has a lot in common with Normanton. We have been door to door talking to residents on the Austin Estate and they told us they want the whole of their estate to stay in Normanton ward. The residents of the 1930s built Austin Estate clearly feel they are a distinct community and want to stay together in Normanton ward. Many of those we spoke to use Sinfin Lane as their main route in and out of the Austin Estate, for travelling to work, going to secondary school (in Sinfin) and to access leisure activities.

We also surveyed residents in streets close to the existing Blagreaves ward, but beyond the Austin Estate to see where those residents feel they "belong to". They overwhelmingly look towards Sunnyhill Avenue and Stenson Road as their community, and were adamant that they are quite separate from the Austin Estate.

To the west of the 1930s Austin Estate is the 1970s built part of Caxton Street. In the part closest to the junction of Caxton Street and Coleridge Street, some residents do feel some links with the Austin Estate. But from our conversation on the doorsteps, most people in the 1970's part of Caxton Street feel more connected with the Sunnyhill Avenue and Stenson Road area.

At the western end of Blackmore Street is Sunnyfield Court, which is Extra Care housing for older people. It's only connection to the wider area is via Blackmore Street and onto the Austin Estate. To its west and south there is no direct access, making it quite separate from the 1970s part of Caxton Street. There is 1.8m high security fencing around the perimeter of

Sunnyfield Court. We therefore believe that Sunnyfield Court residents have more in common with the 1930's Austin Estate. Also, there is anecdotal evidence that many of the residents of Sunnyfield Court previously lived on the Austin Estate.

Just in the last week or so, a planning application has been submitted by Derby Homes (the Council's social housing provider) for 36 new bungalows in the field to the north of Sunnyfield Court. The residents of these bungalows are highly likely to use the communal facilities in Sunnyfield Court. In your proposals the field stays in Normanton ward and Sunnyfield Court moves into Blagreaves ward. Because residents of the bungalows and Sunnyfield Court are likely to form social and friendship links, and that their access to the outside world is via Blackmore Street and onto the Austin Estate, we believe both should remain in Normanton ward.

We are pleased to see that in your proposals both sides of Stenson Road (and roads off) from Sunnyside Avenue to Littleover Lane are moving into Blagreaves ward. This will make it much easier to deal with issues such as speeding and road safety at a ward level. Currently because it crosses a ward boundary, any proposals have to go through a more lengthy governance process because anything that affects two or more wards is a Key Decision. Currently the Littleover Lane junction suffers in this way, because it is partly in Blagreaves and partly in Normanton. On your proposals this is not resolved. This junction is an accident hotspot. Blagreaves councillors have been trying to get action to make it safer, but have found that while initially their ideas have been positively received by the Council, later on these ideas are quietly put on the back burner. The dangers at this junction are a major concern for residents who use the Stenson Road transport corridor, so we ask that you make it possible for the Blagreaves councillors to take action on behalf of their residents by putting the whole of the crossroads junction into Blagreaves Ward.

We partly agree with your proposals for central Derby. We accept your proposals for Arboretum ward.

We believe the Normanton boundary with Blagreaves needs adjusting to better reflect community interests and identities, and to place the boundary where residents feel that it actually is. Also, our alterations will make dealing with issues that currently straddle ward boundaries much easier by placing them in Blagreaves ward. Please see the above paragraphs for details.

We believe the boundary between Abbey ward and Normanton ward needs moving closer to where it currently is. This is because many residents south of Carlton Road look northwards and westwards for their community facilities such as Littleover Village shopping area on Burton Road, and Kinsway Retail Park. Young people attend Littleover Community School on Rykneld Road, as do young people living on streets to the north of Carlton Road. So we are asking you not to break up that community.

Having a ward boundary down the middle of Carlton Road creates problems. Carlton Road has issues with speeding vehicles, poor parking and being a bus route. As detailed above with regard to the Stenson Road / Littleover Lane crossroads currently straddling two wards, we don't want problems to be created for Carlton Road residents. Having two sets of councillors with different priorities leads to deadlock, and issues not being resolved. Such a situation could not be described as providing effective and convenient local government for those residents. We ask that at minimum, the following roads are returned to Abbey ward. The south side of Carlton Road, Overdale Road, Colwyn Avenue, Leamington Close, Palmerston Street, Edale Avenue, French Street, Buller Street, Powell Street, Fairfield Road,

Porter Road (from Fairfield Road to Overdale Road), Gladstone Street, Shamrock Street, the western section of Clarence Road, and Livingstone Road.

In our proposals for the Normanton ward and Blagreaves ward boundary, the former would gain about 1,100 electors. This means that Normanton needs to lose at least that many electors to another ward. Abbey ward will be at a -7% variance by 2027, so can afford to grow in size. By 2027 Normanton ward is at +8% variance. We calculate that keeping the current Abbey ward and Normanton ward boundary as it is would mean an extra 1,700 electors coming back into Abbey ward. We accept that you might feel this is too much, so we ask you to seriously consider putting 1,300 to 1,400 electors back into Abbey ward. This would mean less variance from the average ward size by 2027.

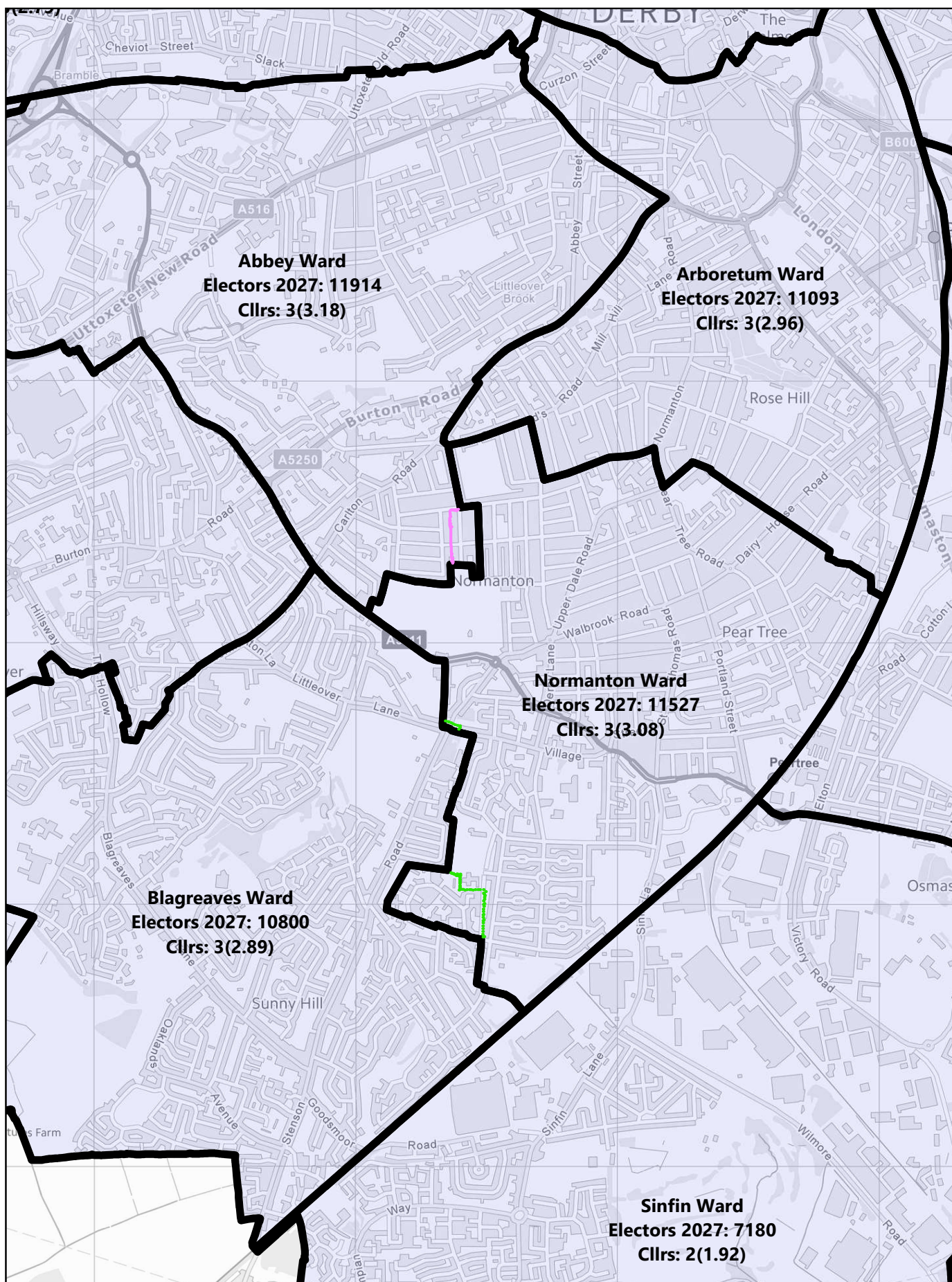
We agree with your proposals for north west Derby. You particularly ask for views on Mackworth and New Zealand. We agree with the comments made by the New Zealand Community Association. They are a well-respected organisation within the community and strong weight should be given to their views.

In conclusion, we are asking you to put back into Normanton an area (the Austin Estate) whose residents want to be in Normanton ward. We are also asking that residents from south of Carlton Road who want to stay in Abbey ward (due to strong community links) are allowed to do so.

Our proposals mean better electoral equality, allow communities to stay together, and mean that Council governance for dealing with issues on particular streets are made simpler by not being on a ward boundary.

We have attached a map which the Council prepared for us. We have made some alterations that improve electoral equality. These are shown by green lines for the Blagreaves / Normanton boundary, and in pink for the Abbey / Normanton boundary. With these changes we calculate that by 2027 the numbers in each ward would be: Blagreaves = 11,150 approx, Abbey = 11,700 approx, Normanton = 11,400 approx.

We have also attached copies of the survey forms we collected when going door to door in the area surrounding the Blagreaves / Normanton boundary.



Derby City Council

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Please find attached photographs of completed survey forms that residents filled in when we went door to door talking to them about the boundary review.

Regards, Cllr Ruth Skelton
Group Leader
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Sent from my Galaxy

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Stenson Rd & Sunnyhill Ave area

City Council Ward Boundaries Set To Change

Derby is currently divided up into 17 areas that each have 3 councillors. The geographical boundaries of each ward are decided by the Boundary Commission.

It is a national body that has the job of making sure ward sizes are sensible, and that community identity is respected when deciding where ward boundaries should be drawn on the map. The Boundary Commission last looked at Derby's ward boundaries 20 years ago.

It is currently developing new ward boundaries across Derby. Your street is recommended to move out of Normanton Ward and go into Blagreaves Ward.

The Boundary Commission are asking for local people to say what they think of the proposed boundaries.

Turn over this page to find out more. Your responses have to be sent in to the Boundary Commission by **8th August 2022**.

See the Boundary Commission's proposals at tinyurl.com/lgbc-derby

Please complete the survey and return by post to **FREEPOST DERBY LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

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Response to the Boundary Commission's Proposed Ward Boundaries for Derby.

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☐ YES ☒ NO

Or should the whole of the Austin Estate stay in Normanton Ward?
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Other comments:

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(AI crew)

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