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Hi Folks

My views are that you should start again and look at what are the “natural” boundaries of each area that make sense to communities and then allocate councillors as needed. Drawing arbitrary boundaries to fit an equal area for each councillor is the wrong way round.

Consider Normanton – the “natural boundaries” are Burton Road, Osmaston Round, the Railway line and the outer ring road. Those are what Normanton people consider is Normanton. And yet this area is split right down the middle (Normanton Road) by the current ward boundaries, with parts of the Normanton ward in Sunnyhill! This makes no sense to communities.

This also means that Arboretum and Normanton are separate wards with different workers and meetings even though they have similar issues. So does not make sense to organisations either.

I have been working in this area for over 20 years as a community development worker and I believe that if this was resolved it would help Normanton take a step forward. Community members would be more likely to be involved in an area that they consider their own.

I am sure there are similar anomalies in other areas that hold those communities back too.

I would appreciate it if you take these view into consideration.

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