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I live just a minute or so walk away from Morley Road, and it has never made any sense to me, or to most residents, that the Oakwood Ward boundary, rather than logically beginning at the bottom of Morley Road, instead was drawn 1/5 of the way up the road. This means that issues regarding that road, where there have been disputes with the neighbouring Erewash Authority, and which was recently resurfaced, have to be dealt with by 2 sets of three councillors and two Member of Parliament. I can only assume this is a leftover of when the ward was finally first created, but things have changed since then. To me, it makes total sense that the whole street is in Oakwood Ward, where 4/5 of it is already located, so that residents can understand a more simply situation. The first house currently sitting in the 'Chaddesden Ward' is far more similar to the last house sitting in the 'Oakwood Ward' than it does with a house on Valley Road in the centre of Chaddesden. The same can be said for Lawrence Avenue, Deborah Drive and the other roads emanating from Morley Road. The boundary should be at the bottom of Morley Road and I am very glad this is what you have done. You have, in my view, made the right decision to keep Oakwood a three-councillor ward, rather than a two or one member ward, just as you have with Spondon. I believe that both Oakwood and Spondon are the right size to be three-member ward, and would have constituted much too large two-member wards, should you have reduced them. Based on a quick look at the number, Chaddesden seems to be the size of 6 – 6.5 councillors, and the decision to create a ward with the ward name 'Derwent' has never really caught on, especially as it is not a ward particularly affected by, or close to, the River Derwent. Given this, I can see why you have chosen to opt for a Chaddesden East, Chaddesden West and Breadsall Hilltop, each with two members rather than trying to create wards in the same 'big area' with different numbers of councillors. This will stop people making mistakes about how many councillors they have. I also fully support the inclusion of several roads emanating from Wood Road, including Willets Road, Martin Drive, Copes Way ad others. I had believed there were already in Oakwood, and was shocked to discover that these areas were not in the Oakwood Ward, especially when the local school has an Oakwood address, but streets including Chelmorton Place were. I had always assumed, from knowing people nearby, that these were part of the Breadsall Area of Chaddesden/Derwent. I support your draft proposals.

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