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Further to the review of electoral arrangements in the east of Rushcliffe - Please find attached a short submission from USRAcic - Upper Saxondale Residents Association CIC Kind Regards, Iris Morgan

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ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE EAST OF RUSHCLIFFE

Response of Upper Saxondale Residents Association

We responded to the initial LGBCE consultation with a proposal that Upper Saxondale, which is currently split between the Radcliffe-on-Trent ward and the Cropwell ward, should be wholly within one ward. Our strong preference was that it should be in the Cropwell ward. We were gratified that the initial recommendations from LGBCE did indeed put the whole of Upper Saxondale in the Cropwell ward. On that basis we saw no need to respond to the initial recommendations.

We have now considered the alternative recommendations published recently by LGBCE. Whilst we are pleased that these maintain the integrity of Upper Saxondale, we understand that this alternative recommendation is for Upper Saxondale to be placed in the Newton ward, together with the villages of Shelford and Newton, and the hamlet of Saxondale.

Our strong preference remains for us to be placed in the Cropwell ward. Whilst we would be separated from Cropwell Butler and the rest of the ward by the A46 trunk road, there is a bridge over the A46 which allows Upper Saxondale residents to walk and cycle (as well as drive) to Cropwell Butler. Residents do indeed make use of this route both for country walks and also to visit the local pub in Cropwell Butler.

If the alternative recommendation goes ahead, we would be separated from Shelford, Newton and Saxondale (i.e. the rest of the Newton ward) by the A52 trunk road. This is an extremely busy route carrying traffic between Bingham (and the access to the A1 at Grantham) and Nottingham. It is very difficult and indeed dangerous for pedestrians to cross this road as there is no pedestrian crossing facility. This means that there is very little contact between Upper Saxondale and Shelford, Newton and Saxondale on the other side of the road. The A52 is a real physical barrier in a way that the A46 is not.

To summarise, access for Upper Saxondale to the rest of the Cropwell ward is far easier than access to the rest of the Newton ward. This of course means that there are more informal/ social contacts with villages in the Cropwell ward than those in the Newton ward. We would therefore much prefer to be in the Cropwell ward in line with the original recommendation. We are of course grateful that LGBCE has recognised that Upper Saxondale should be wholly within one ward and we also recognise that LGBCE has to take into account a number of factors in making its decision, and that our view is just one of those factors.

Upper Saxondale Residents Association CIC
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