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Related subject: Warndon & Gorse Hill, Worcester

I very much agree with the proposal to disband this ward and reassign its constituent parts to neighbouring areas; it has always felt to me like a combination of "off-cuts" from other neighbourhoods. Seeing these repatriated to their proper communities would be wonderful.

However, I think that there are places where the boundary is currently situated in the wrong place, and I think some small adjustments would be very beneficial for the local community:

Regarding the placement of Hollymount Road, Birch Avenue, Maple Avenue and Portefields Road, I have felt for a long time that these belonged much more closely with their neighbours in Rainbow Hill. On the current (and previous) boundary proposals, Hollymount Road is split down the middle, and Birch Avenue begins in one ward and ends in another. This is the source of no small amount of confusion for local residents.

In fact, this is a situation which reminds me greatly of the reason why the Commission proposed to merge Gorse Hill and Warndon in the first place - members of the Commission noted that after driving down Windermere Drive, it made little sense why a border had been drawn down the middle of a strong, cohesive community.

In the same way, the community of the lower end of Tolladine has much more cohesion with itself than it does with Warndon and the upper side of Tolladine Road, as reflected by local Facebook groups and networks. After a recent local news story, I reached out to a group of contacts in that area, and I discovered that most of them lived on the other side of the boundary in Rainbow Hill, despite the fact I had begun my inquiries on

the Gorse Hill side of the border.

I therefore would strongly propose moving Hollymount, Birch, Maple and Portefields into Rainbow Hill, to reunite this divided community.

Thank you.

Attached Documents:

None attached