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Related subject: Belbroughton / Bellheath

I strongly disagree with the change of area. After living as part of Belbroughton for over 50 years, my son has attended the village primary school and is now at Haybridge - just as I did before him. We want our grandchildren to have the same school opportunities, but the catchment area would change for both primary & secondary. We pay a premium rate to live in these school catchment areas. There is also a free school bus, so more cars would be on the roads with drop offs and pick ups to schools 'out of our current area'. We feel a big part of the Belbroughton village community - I am a member of the Working Mens Club. My son has been a member of the Belbroughton Tennis Club since the age of 7 attending weekly lessons and I play there myself. We regularly use the only shop & post office in Belbroughton. We are currently on the waiting list for an allotment in Belbroughton as a resident, so that would affect us. Which allotment area would we need to apply to under the new proposals ? Then that would be further travelling & more traffic on the roads. I have always voted at Belbroughton Recreation Centre since 18 years old, I'm now 53. Our area has happily been a part of Belbroughton for centuries according to our History Society Meetings and books. We are rural with knowledge of the countryside, bridle paths & rights of way (which we have through our property) and that mirrors the areas in Belbroughton & Clent which we currently are part of. We all have the similar views as our neighbours of local impacts and not the same views of people living in built up busy areas & towns. Our family Doctors is in Belbroughton so where would we need to change to? And again further travelling & more car journeys, more traffic. We are concerned that house prices will fall - we pay a high price to live where we do with school catchments and also being part of the 'affluent' well known area of Belbroughton. Who has ever heard of 'Woodvale' when looking for a countryside property? When Googled this comes up as Hall Green, Birmingham B32 / B28 or Moseley, Birmingham B13. Would that also mean all our council tax bands be looked at, reassessed and reduced for everyone in the area? It is a disgrace that I only found out about this by chance and felt it would have been more respectful to contact each home owner beforehand in writing, rather than trying to do this quietly without us knowing.

Attached Documents:

None attached