

Coventry

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Related subject: Holbrooks

Firstly I'd like to thank you for agreeing to add the @s@ to Holbrook ward, all the residents know it as Holbrooks and have done for years so this change means a lot to local people.

Secondly I would request that you reconsider removing Yelverton Rd from Holbrooks and placing it in Radford.

I have attached a plan off the area and outlying relevant points but essentially it boils down to the following issues:-

- Yelverton road runs from Holbrook lane, the main arterial Rd in Holbrooks ward, through to Burnaby Rd placing both ends family in Holbrooks ward effectively isolating it from the rest of Radford ward. This is not the case for Rollason road which should be placed in Radford ward in its entirety.
- The boundary of Holbrooks and Foleshill ward is on the centre of Lockhurst lane bridge directly above the railway line giving a clear boundary to the south east of the ward.
- Children in this road are in the catchment area for Holbrook school
- The Coventrians rugby club is firmly rooted in Holbrooks, with multiple teams drawing from the community to play, they clearly identify as being in Holbrook ward.
- The old railway line route which runs along the edge of what is known as the black pad provides a clear demarcation at the top of Yelverton Rd to the West. This railway line linked the factories to the main line and products were shipped all over the world. Particularly relevant during both world wars.
- Pailton engineering formerly known as the Brico is one of the many engineering factories in Holbrooks ward. Holbrook lane was the original location of Jaguar cars in the city of Coventry, the motor panels another engineering firm which famously built Donald Campbell's Bluebird is also

located on Holbrook lane.

The communities which served all of these engineering firms lived in the terraced houses in Yelverton and Burnaby roads, many still do meaning that they're firmly rooted in history of this area.

I hope you will agree to Yelverton road remaining in Holbrooks ward, the decision would not significantly affect electoral numbers but would mean a considerable amount to local residents.

Attached Documents:

- yelverton road Holbrooks picture.docx

I apologise for the Heath Robinson map and pictures, however I thought it the easiest way to illustrate the issue

Yellow line denotes the route of the railway line linking all the factories to the railway main line. This was used to transport all the munitions, plane and other engineered parts out to be distributed worldwide – most significantly used during the two world wars – providing a clear delineation separating Yelverton road from Radford ward. The Black pad also runs along the bottom of the yellow line an historical link through to factories and the rugby club

The red line denotes the natural boundary of the ward to the south given the community and historical links.

Red circles show each end of Yelverton road opening onto Burnaby road and Holbrook Lane b– the main arterial road into the ward – both roads are in Holbrooks ward adding Yelverton to Radford ward would effectively isolating Yelverton rd from the rest of Radford ward.

Blue outline

Pailton engineering formerly the Brico engineering works, part of the significant engineering history of Holbrooks ward. Many workers of this factory and of Motor panels and the original Jaguar site which evolved into Dunton the other side of Burnaby road, lived in these terraces – many still do. There is a strong community of metal workers and engineers which remains

Yellow denotes Current boundary line between Holbrooks and Foleshill ward

