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Related subject: Ward Boundaries

The Binley and Willenhall ward boundaries do not now reflect the changes that have taken place over the last 50 years, there has been vast new housing and commercial developments in the ward. There is no longer a coal mine, in its place is a very large Trading Estate.

The ward is split in half by the London to Birmingham railway line, Willenhall one side and Binley the other side. The 3 Labour councillors I believe take advantage of this situation with Willenhall being their primary interest, not so the Binley side.

It is my view that the ward should be split in two, with the railway line forming the western edge of the Binley Ward then following Allard Way as it does now to where it meets the Binley Road. Where the Binley Road crosses the River Sowe the boundary should follow the river back to where the bridge is in Clifford Bridge Road and then along the link road to the Eastern Bypass, along the bypass to where it crosses the railway line mentioned above. These boundaries make a natural line for a new Binley Ward.

If the new boundary follows the river it brings Binley Parish Church, St Bartholomew's into the ward, how this was ever allowed in the past is a mystery, but there is now a way to put this correct, and into the Binley Ward.

The housing and commercial area that is at present in the triangle formed by Brandon Road, Clifford Bridge Road and the Eastern Bypass is at present in the Wyken Ward and should be part of the new Binley Ward. How this part of Coventry is considered to be in Wyken is another mystery.

If the Wyken Ward is considered too small then the Henley Ward could be used to increase its size. The land area between the A46, M6 and the Eastern Bypass could be incorporated into the Wyken Ward.

The same may be true of Willenhall, part of the present ward, this should be incorporated into the Cheylesmore Ward, the electoral mix would be more beneficial than it is at present.

Attached Documents:

None attached