

Solihull

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: LGBCE Review – Solihull

I would like to comment on the proposed change to ward boundaries for Solihull MBC

I would like to fully support the proposals put forward by Solihull Council, which were agreed on Tuesday 8th October apart from the name of the proposed Arden Ward.

I propose it should be named **Arden and Meriden Ward**, to reflect the inclusion of Meriden Village and Meriden Parish Council area (Polling District ME01) into the Ward.


Meriden Village provides the basis for the name of the previous Meriden Parliamentary constituency that existed upto July 2024, and the new Meriden and Solihull East Parliamentary constituency since July 2024. The Parliamentary Boundary Review explicitly retained the name "Meriden" in the name of the constituency at my request.

Since the formation of Solihull Metropolitan Council in 1973, there has always been a Ward named Meriden. All of this polling district (ME01) is and will continue to be within the Meriden and Solihull East Parliamentary constituency.

The new Arden ward is largely based on the existing Bickenhill Ward, but with the addition of Meriden Village and Parish Council area. (This is because the exiting Meriden Ward has grown significantly, and the majority of the existing Ward is proposed to form the new Balsall and Berkswell Ward consisting of the Parish Council areas of Balsall, Berkswell and Barston.)

I strongly believe that there should be a Ward which reflects the name of the Parliamentary constituency.

Yours faithfully


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