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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Olton

I object to the boundary changes to exclude the historic part of Richmond Road (Richmond Park Road built in the 1880s) that is north of the canal that is proposed to be placed in the Lyndon Area and removed from the Olton area. The road was established during the Victorian development of Olton as the whole of the wider area both sides of the canal developed. Reviewing historic map data it is patently clear that the properties including the Park Lodge and the terraces were developed in a time period the same as those historic properties in Kineton Green Rd and St Bernards Rd, the station and the development of the Warwick Road in this area. This part of area is historically more 'Olton' than the inter and post war development north of the Streetsbrook Road that is included in the area.

I find the subjective, uneducated remarks from the Conservative councillors about a topographic disconnect both misleading and incongruous with historical fact. The area north of the canal is not in the Olton Conservation Area but this does not mean it is not part of the pre war historic development Olton around the church and the railway . The Conservation already makes one distinction, a boundary change would make further distinction that does not reflect the historical development of the Olton area.

The attached plan shows historic maps of 1887, and adjacent to Chapel Fields Farm you can see the first houses of the Richmond Terraces having been built, the reminder being completed prior to 1900. Further information can be read on p75-p77 in the 'Olton Heritage - The History of an Edwardian Suburb' -J. Powrie, M. Jordan, C. Andrews. KAF Brewin Books, Warwickshire. 1986, describing the development of the road from the centre of Olton (the Warwick Rd junction and the site of St Margaret's Church up to Chapel Fields Farm as part of the Victorian development including for less costly property development as well as the Upper class Villa house type development on St. Bernards Road.

## Attached Documents:

- 1880-olton.pdf



