

# Solihull

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Olton

Having been a member of the Olton District for over 30 years, the proposed boundary commission change affecting Scott Road, Fernhill Road & Richmond road areas has come as quite a surprise. For my 30 years I have lived within Olton, only recently changes in circumstances for the better have lead me to having to expand the size of my home. Upon property searching I actively looked for homes within Olton with character and substance which portrayed Olton's rich & meaningful history. The roads mentioned above I believe are representative of Olton's nature. I am shocked and surprised to have then received a letter through my front door mentioning a boundary change which would then result in my newly purchased property to no longer fall within Olton Ward; something I was not expecting. What makes this even more insulting is the letter suggesting the proposed change was recommended by a lone resident. Whom of which must have significant status in order for this suggestion to be agreed to. Furthermore I then receive an update letter relating to a full council meeting on Tuesday 8th October. I specifically note the comments made by the conservative party which in the letter state "when entering this area and that crossing the canal on Lincoln Road north was like entering a different county, let alone a different part of Solihull" I not only find these comments distasteful but also borderline racist. To be able to openly say that entering these roads was like entering a different county, what is this that they are referring to exactly? Which county would that be? And why was such a bold statement made without elaboration? Does the member of public who made the original suggestion of the proposed change also see these particular areas as "not even Solihull & a topographical disconnect"?

Anyone who has been part of Olton and its community long enough, not only would they never say this but this suggestion wouldn't even cross their mind. The comments made by the conservative party/ councillor portrays Olton as snobbish and non inclusive which is something that it is not; it is extremely off putting and will drive away residents of the Olton community. We welcome diversity and multiculturalism. There is no need or

an actual basis to change the boundries therefore why is this even being considered or discussed?

I look forward to hearing your comments and patiently await further updates on this matter, hopefully more can be elaborated based on the comments made in the recent update, as I feel targeted by this, like others from a diverse background would be.

Kind Regards,

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## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*