

Solihull

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Comment text:

I am writing in response to proposed changes to the boundary commission review of Richmond road, Fernhill road and Scott road that would result in these roads being moved out of Olton Ward.

Apart from the obvious factual inaccuracies in the Conservative Party's description of this historical part of Olton being 'topographically' distinct, I have lived for 25 years on Richmond Road and our house (built at a similar time to the railway and other properties in Victorian Olton) has always been architecturally and contextually as much a part of Olton as any property on St Bernard's or Kineton Green Road. Perhaps more importantly we have always identified with the community in Olton, with our children attending school in St Margaret's primary school (the foundation stone having been laid by the vicar of Olton...) and Langley school. We have enjoyed being part of the community attached to St. Margaret's church, and my family are keen volunteers for Olton's community projects. In short, we have always identified with Olton, both through the history of our house and the community that we have been part of.

The comment made by the Conservative councillors that crossing the canal on Lincoln Road North was "like entering a different county, let alone a different part of Solihull" is both insulting and clearly culturally blind to the obvious continuity of architecture and historical reference in the history of the railway and canal. Those making these claims clearly know very little of the history of the area or the pride that we share in being part of Olton's community and cultural and historical legacy.

We were somewhat shocked to find that these plans were so far advanced at the time we were made aware of the proposed changes and feel

that proper consultation on this matter has been lacking. The implications for those proposing these boundary adjustments are significant and the counsellors proposing these changes should reflect carefully on the implications their comments will draw and the consequences that their association with these highly unpopular proposals will have on their legacy.

Yours faithfully

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(And resident of [REDACTED] Richmond Road, OLTON)

Attached Documents:

None attached