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Related subject: Proposed new Bearwood Ward (Smethwick)

The idea of a new ward called Bearwood is great because us Bearwoodians have a strong sense of local identity. However, your proposed new boundaries are very locally controversial. I don't particularly object to the extended part to the north-east if that helps with the numbers - though I definitely do think it's stretching the local concept of "Bearwood" to extend that far into Smethwick proper. But it does encompass the far end of Bearwood Rd so makes some sense. What I and many others object to is the removal of the small area to the west that you want to put into "Old Warley". This is crazy. At the very least, the Warley Woods boundary at the west that carries on to the north is always these days seen as part of Bearwood. So, the boundary of Harborne Rd should at the very least carry on down Hurst Rd to the north, including Hurst Rd and everything to the east of it as part of Bearwood. That would be accepted by everyone here - this is part of Bearwood!! Whether the boundary should be taken further west, up to and incl Pottery Rd as before, is slightly more open.

Attached Documents:

None attached