

Solihull

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I do not agree with the proposed boundaries that have been suggested for Olton. The boundaries of Olton have continually changed with time, continually moving the centre of Olton further south.

Going back long enough, Ulleries Road and Olton Jubilee Park sat within Olton. Even today, the fact that Olton Jubilee Park does not sit within Olton is relatively farcical from a naming perspective.

These new proposals shift the geographic centre of Olton even further South, roughly to the roundabout of Kineton Green/St Bernard's/Grange Road.

It is making the ward of Olton unrepresentative of Olton, which is a historic area of Solihull in its own right. Olton is more than a ward, it is a location. It is named within people's home addresses. Olton Friary is named for the area of Olton it sits within. Olton is signposted based on the current ward boundary at the junction of Richmond Road/Chapelfields/Fernhill. We have shops such as Olton Convenience which would sit outside Olton following these changes.

I understand the desire to create clean and identifiable boundaries, and can understand why the canal and Streetsbrook Road were picked for the entire north and south boundaries respectively. But we should have wards that reflect communities and area, and Olton is very much both a community and an area.

If the proposals are to stay as they are for Olton in regards to boundaries, I feel at the very least the name of the ward should be updated to reflect the area they represent. If maintaining the Olton name, the current proposed Olton could be named Olton South, with Lyndon being named Olton North. Alternatively the proposed Olton ward could be completely renamed to reflect the area it actually represents now. For example Kineton/Kineton Green ward, St Bernard's ward, Friary ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached