

Sandwell

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Organisation Name: (District or county councillor)

Comment text:

Related subject: Cradley Heath and Old Hill ward

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Kind regards

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- objection_letter-boundary_review.docx

Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Re: Objection to Proposed Boundary Changes – Cradley Heath and Old Hill Ward

Name: Councillor Vicki Smith

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Date: 11/05/2025

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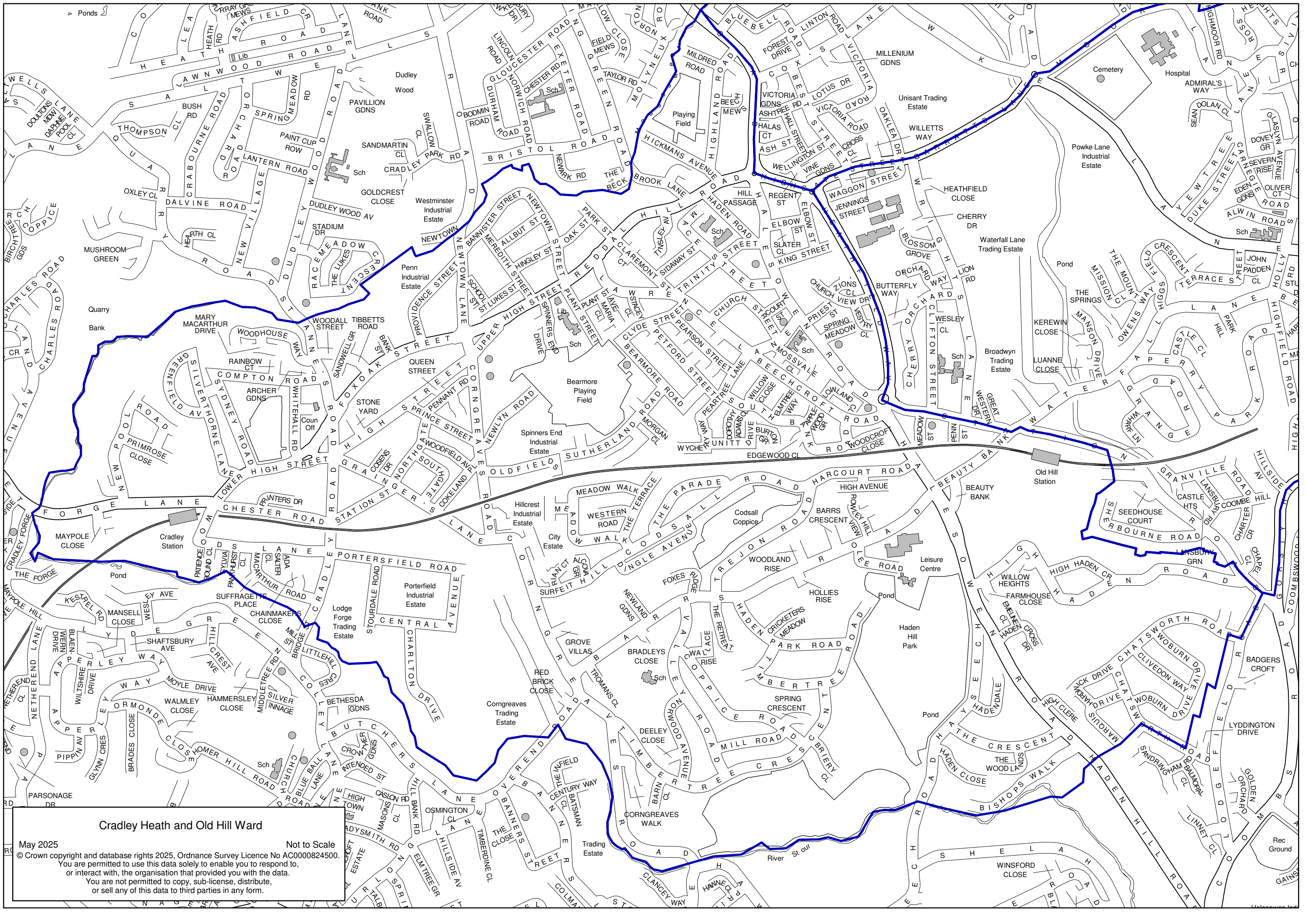
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Yours faithfully,

Cllr Vicki Smith (Cradley Heath and Old Hill ward)

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