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Related subject: cradley heath and old hill

I must register my profound disagreement with the proposed ward boundary alterations that would separate Old Hill from Cradley Heath and create a Blackheath and Old Hill ward. This proposal directly contradicts your published guidelines, which prioritize reflecting community interests, establishing clear, identifiable boundaries, and aligning ward patterns with local service usage. The close proximity of Old Hill and Cradley Heath, a mere five-minute walk, fosters strong community links. Residents regularly utilize Cradley Heath's shops, medical facilities, and leisure services, including Tesco. In contrast, Blackheath, a 40-minute walk uphill, lacks these connections. The natural boundary between Old Hill and Blackheath, a steep hill and canal, further reinforces this separation. The decision to disregard the Sandwell Council's elected position and consider input from the Halesowen Conservative Association, based in Dudley, is deeply concerning. This external influence represents an unwarranted intrusion into Sandwell's local democracy and you should be ashamed of yourselves for even considering it. The existing Cradley Heath postcode for Old Hill reflects the genuine community connection and should be respected.

Attached Documents:

None attached