

# Sandwell

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**Related subject:** cradley heath and old hill

I am deeply opposed to the plan to split Old Hill from Cradley Heath and merge it with Blackheath. This change completely ignores the fundamental principles of good ward design. Your own guidelines prioritize community links, clear boundaries, and accessibility to local services. Old Hill and Cradley Heath are essentially one community, a short walk apart. Blackheath, on the other hand, is separated by a steep hill and lacks any meaningful connection to Old Hill. People from Old Hill use Cradley Heath's shops and services, not Blackheath's. It's baffling that you're prioritizing the views of an unelected political group from Halesowen, a town in Dudley, over the Sandwell Council's elected representatives. This smells of a clumsy attempt at gerrymandering. Old Hill belongs with Cradley Heath, as its postcode and community ties clearly demonstrate.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*