

# SELLY PARK DESERVES ITS OWN COUNCILLOR!

Dear Fellow Resident,

The Local Government Boundary Commission has recently published a draft plan to merge Selly Park and Bournbrook into a single Council ward. Bournbrook (which is a different area to Bournville) is the area that includes Tiverton Road, Hubert Road, Heeley Road and similar roads.

I have spoken to many of our fellow residents and we are concerned that this arrangement will leave Selly Park as the 'poor relation'. Bournbrook has a disproportionately large amount of planning applications, parking problems and noise and other environmental issues, all of which would soak up attention from our local Councillors, and consequently the wider authorities.

However, the current proposals are only at **draft** stage and we still have an opportunity not to miss out on getting a dedicated councillor for Selly Park. I would be most grateful if you could join me in writing to or emailing the Local Government Boundary Commission to recommend this.

Please find a template letter overleaf; feel free to adapt it as you like. The deadline for comments is **Monday 8th February**, so make sure that you send your letter or email well before this date.

The postal address is *The Review Officer (Birmingham), Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 14th Floor Millbank Tower, Millbank, London, SW1P 4QP* and the email address is [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk).

You can find more information on the general proposals for Birmingham by searching online for *Boundary Commission Birmingham*.

Thank you very much for reading – please feel free to contact me with any queries.

Yours faithfully,



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# Template letter – please feel free to adapt

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Sir or Madam,

## **Consultation on draft recommendations for Birmingham City Council**

I would like to comment on the proposed two-Councillor ward of *Bournbrook and Selly Park*.

It is my strong view that an alternative proposal of a ward for Bournbrook and a separate ward for Selly Park, each with one Councillor, would better serve the interests of both groups of residents.

Bournbrook and Selly Park are very different areas and are distinguished from each other by different demographics, housing stocks, community groups, conservation areas and commuting habits. These can be summarised as follows:

### **Bournbrook**

- Housing: Many properties classed as Houses in Multiple Occupation.
- Community and Residents' Groups: Tiverton Area Residents Association only.
- Conservation Areas: None.
- Commuting Habits: Travel to City Centre using Bristol Road (aka Bournbrook High Street; Bournbrook's main road) via car and bus routes 61, 63, 64, 144, X64. Additionally, extensive network of bus stops and routes on local roads (routes 38 and 76).

### **Selly Park**

- Housing: Few properties classed as Houses in Multiple Occupation.
- Community and Residents' Groups: Selly Park Residents Community Association, Selly Park Property Owners' Association, Selly Park South Neighbourhood Forum, Selly Wick Residents.
- Conservation Areas: Selly Park Conservation Area, Selly Park Avenues Conservation Area.
- Commuting Habits: Travel to City Centre using Pershore Road (Selly Park's main road) via car and bus routes 45, 47, 106. No bus routes or stops on local roads.

In terms of defining each ward, I suggest introducing an 'internal' boundary within the proposed two-Councillor ward, thus creating two one-Councillor wards with no wider impact.

In summary, the proposal I am making will result in better, more localised representation for the people of Bournbrook and Selly Park and will have no effect on the proposals for the rest of Birmingham.

I do hope that you will give my proposals serious consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,  
*Your name*