

# Coventry

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**Related subject:** Styvechale Grange

Styvechale Grange + Finham in Wainbody Ward or Styvechale Grange + Earlsdon in Earlsdon Ward

The Middle East today is still in chaos due to the action by Britain and France after WW1 when arbitrary lines were drawn on a map to determine the boundaries of countries. These lines failed to deal with tribal, religion or ethnic distinction on the ground, instead drawn to meet the needs of the two colonial powers. So instead of countries of a single religion or race it saw the Kurds having 60% of their people allocated, each in groups of 20% , to Turkey, Syria and Iraq. Sunnis were thrown in with Shiites in Iraq. Similar arbitrary boundaries were imposed in Africa which has again lead to numerous wars as these countries have gained their independence and infighting has commenced. Hence the need to ensure that when areas are linked together the resulting combined area has to be homogeneous, namely have similar problems and interests. The case of using the A45 to link Styvechale Grange with Earlsdon would be another clear situation doomed before it even starts.

Towns have usually grown from their initially small centre radially outwards. Hence the houses, roads, problems etc of 2 regions equidistant from the centre but in opposite directions have much in common. For example both fall into the same category pre WW1, between the 2 Great Wars, post WW2, 1980, and 2000, hence similar type of housing, road structure, schools, spacing, green areas. This is not the cases if you try to link things on a radial basis, built in completely different eras, hence have completely different problems. Linked area should be fighting the same battle over a limited number of topics, for example, Earlsdon has severe parking problems something Styvechale Grange and Finham are free of, so really an issue of little interest to them. Earlsdon has many houses built prior to WW1 with multiple occupancy, again something which is practically non-existent in Styvechale Grange and Finham. Air quality in Earlsdon is much different than in the other 2 areas. Age of schools and the need for them, Earlsdon have large number of students, single people, whereas the other 2 areas are mainly occupied by families or elderly

people. I could go on since the similarities between Styvechale Grange and Finham are considerable unlike between Styvechale Grange and Earlsdon

Councils are just wasting resources fighting every issue in every area. If the correct areas are linked then whilst the number of issues does not go down it is satisfying a larger number of people and also their case is strengthened by dealing with an homogeneous group.

In addition, the same (and only) bus (the 9 ) serves both Styvechale Grange and Finham and links them to the city centre and to the hospital in the north of Coventry. The nearest restaurant, church, library, cafe, pub and mini supermarket for Styvechale Grange are in Finham. Hence, most (if not all) of the local amenities for Styvechale Grange are on the A45 Finham side, so why would be split? It makes no sense.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*