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Dear Sirs

I am a current councillor for Meriden ward. I think it sad that Meriden parish will be split away from Balsall and Berkswell parishes.

However, given the planned growth of Balsall Common, I see no alternative and I therefore support the proposal. My rationale is

1. Balsall and Berkswell parishes are intertwined given that they share Balsall Common between them
2. It would be inappropriate to split Meriden parish to allow part of it to remain in the ward (instead of Barston) because Meriden parish is a cohesive place made up of interlinked settlements. For example, all the primary school children go to Meriden school and Meriden village provides the necessary food shops. However, the parish church is not in Meriden village but in the countryside between Meriden village and Millisons Wood.

The proposed ward name will be acceptable to residents of Berkswell and Balsall parishes and not create divisions. Calling the ward Balsall Common would exclude the significant rural communities and create division. However, if residents of Barston parish feel uncomfortable with that name then the ward could be called either

1. Balsall, Berkswell and Barston ward
2. Three parishes ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached