

# Solihull

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Millison's Wood, Meriden

I previously gave my views via email on the 25th September 2023 (Thank you for your feedback submission - Solihull - ID:1015046). I have now seen the new proposed boundaries. I am dismayed to see my area has now been included in the Arden Ward. No longer Ballsal and Berkswell Ward. I am convinced others in the Millison's Wood/Meriden will feel the same.

My experience is that I have nothing in common with the area to the west and north-west. Bus transport is linked to Solihull, Coventry and Ballsal Common. Our medical practise is the Ballsal Common and Meriden Group practise. Although I use the Meriden Pharmacy, my wife prefers one in Balsall Common. The nearest hospital is in Solihull. My wife is a carer for her older sister in Meriden which entails travelling to facilities in Ballsal Common (and Solihull). Apart from a few shops on Meriden Green, the nearest bigger shopping and business area is Ballsal Common. Among other facilities, the nearest bigger library (Meriden's is very small) is in Balsall Common, the nearest garden centre is near Balsall Common, as are venues for occasional pub meals (in addition to those in Meriden). Apart from a few footpath walks to the north, most of them and most accessible, are to the south in the Ballsal Common area.

In fact, there is absolutely no reason for my wife and I to travel to the Arden area, except occasionally to Birmingham Airport, the rubbish dump and more frequently to Birmingham International train station. For these there is no choice (except possibly Tile Hill station).

As you will now be aware, I strongly believe that Millison's Wood and the Meriden area would be better served, with better appreciation of the needs of the area, by being part of the Ballsal and Berkswell Ward.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*