

Ward Boundaries Consultation Response from Anderton Park Residents' Group.

We wish to make our views known to the LGBCE in regard to our specific area – currently part of Sparkbrook Ward.

The Anderton Park Residents' Group comprises residents from a triangular area bounded by Anderton Park Road, Woodstock Road and Yardley Wood Road and this is the area in question (which we will refer to as '**our triangle**' in this document).

We acknowledge that whilst '**our triangle**' is included in both the proposal for the new Moseley Ward proposed by LGBCE and in that of the Moseley Community Groups – and we fully endorse those inclusions – we are concerned that at the last Ward Boundaries Consultation held over the period 2001/03, we were assigned to Sparkbrook Ward instead of the new Moseley and Kings Heath Ward.

This was despite a petition by 105 residents in '**our triangle**' requesting that we should be included in the latter. I attach a copy of the covering letter accompanying that petition. As you will see, the reasons for our request were clearly set out.

Although that petition (copies of which were sent to the Electoral Commission as indicated) was submitted after the deadline for consultation and therefore rejected, recent meetings with residents in '**our triangle**' confirm that the same concerns remain current. In 2001, our area had originally been included in the boundary revision endorsed by Moseley Forum, but due to a lack of direct lines of communication, we were not kept informed of subsequent developments either from Sparkbrook or Moseley forum (as the attached letter outlines) This illustrates the fact that we have effectively been left disenfranchised and without appropriate representation.

Our issues and concerns are more likely to be addressed by Moseley Ward Councillors than those in Sparkbrook.

This is because the issues that are of high priority for Sparkbrook do not generally apply to us (having seen the minutes from the Sparkbrook forum over the last 13 years).

In summary:-

- Geographically, we live in Moseley. Our postcode and telephone number code are for Moseley (B13 and 449 respectively)
- We affiliate far more with Moseley than with Sparkbrook.
- We don't tend to use the facilities in Sparkbrook.
- We use Moseley for socialising, worship, shopping, cultural activities and also many of our children are educated there.
- We actively participate in all that Moseley has to offer and are enthusiastic supporters of the farmers market and Moseley in Bloom, and various artistic and musical events.

We therefore request that this time around residents/voters in **'our triangle' be included in the new Moseley Ward.**

Specifically, **'our triangle' (Anderton Park Residents' Group)** comprises the following roads:-

- The North side of Woodstock Road from Yardley Wood Road to Anderton Park Road
- The South side of Yardley Wood Road from Anderton Park Road to Woodstock Road
- Both sides of Anderton Park Road from Yardley Wood Road to Woodstock Road
- All of Cadbury Road

Please see the attached map with the boundaries of 'our triangle' delineated and shaded green



John Parkinson - Chair Anderton Park Residents' Group

Appended:

Copy of petition to Electoral Commission 2003
Letter from Mr Ahmad, Chief Legal Officer Birmingham City Council dated 12/11/03