

Castle Bromwich Parish Council



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## ***Castle Bromwich on the move?***

***Parish Council plea to speak up .... AGAIN***

***and make your voice heard louder!***

***THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION RECOMMENDS CASTLE BROMWICH AND ERDINGTON SHOULD FORM A NEW CONSTITUENCY. THE COMMISSION HAS NOT AGREED TO RETAIN CASTLE BROMWICH IN THE NEW MERIDEN CONSTITUENCY.***

***The parish council urges everyone to look at the revised plan for proposed constituency changes and let the Boundary Commission know what you think about it by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012.***

The Boundary Commission for England is the independent public body that reviews all Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England. Following the first consultation in 2011 the Boundary Commission has produced a revised plan which has met some of the objections raised by other areas. Under the revised proposals, Castle Bromwich will be part of a new Birmingham Erdington and Castle Bromwich constituency. The proposals are detailed on the Boundary Commission's website at:

<http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>.

**THE PARISH COUNCIL, ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS,  
WILL CONSIDER THIS MATTER AGAIN AT THEIR NEXT  
MEETINGS ON 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 PM  
HELD IN ARDEN HALL (address above).**

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The Act provides that a Boundary Commission may take into account, if and to such extent as they think fit:

- special geographical considerations, including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency
- local government boundaries as they exist on 6 May 2010
- boundaries of existing constituencies
- any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies
- the inconveniences attendant on each changes

Parish councillors would be pleased to know your views again so please send in a copy of any response that you make – either by hand to the Council Office, by post or by email to:

[counciloffice@castlebromwichpc.gov.uk](mailto:counciloffice@castlebromwichpc.gov.uk)

See our website for more information –

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Write to:

Boundary Commission for England,  
35 Great Smith Street,  
London. SW1P 3BQ

Key Points:

- The Boundary Commission has ignored the borough council boundaries and not followed their remit to have regard to local ties.
- Castle Bromwich has been part of Solihull MBC since the 1974 boundary review and prior to that it had been part of Meriden Rural District Council. Sufficient weight has not been given to these facts.
- The natural boundaries of the M6 and the B4114 has also not been considered.
- Historical ties are important to Castle Bromwich and it has never been part of Birmingham. It does share two churches and shops with the Shard End ward.