

Cossall Parish Council and Residents Action Group

On behalf of the people of Cossall, we totally reject proposals from Broxtowe Borough Council for boundary changes to Cossall parish.

Alternative Proposal

- Retain the 118 properties proposed to move to Awsworth parish.
- The remaining 52 houses on the Glebe (currently in Awsworth parish) to move to Cossall parish.
- Surrender land at the bottom of Newton's Lane that would have approximately 50 houses of the new 250 house development into Awsworth parish.
- Please see map attached.

Supporting Evidence - residents views

From extensive surveys conducted by the Action Group following BBCs proposal.

- From the 118 Cossall households affected by the BBC proposal **70% replied - which is higher than the turnout at the last General Election** – and **100% of these** wish to remain in Cossall parish. (Ballot papers will be sent to you by WeTransfer).
- From the 52 houses of The Glebe currently in Awsworth parish, 87% of respondents support our alternative proposal to move to Cossall. Many stated that they believed they were already in Cossall as their address is already in Cossall.
- From the unaffected houses in Cossall parish, 80% of respondents want to retain the affected properties.

Analysis of Aims

We have carefully studied your reasons behind the proposal, and we support the stated aims, but we strongly feel that the proposal does not achieve them, and in a very significant way makes them worse.

For example, the proposed division for Awsworth Lane replaces a sensible boundary on the junction of four roads with one that is in the middle of the street.

However we feel our alternative proposal fully satisfies your requirements, as follows -

- Community Cohesion. The survey results speak for themselves. If 118 properties are moved it will rip apart the community and achieve the opposite of your objective. In particular the top of Awsworth Lane will feel isolated from their neighbours. Our inclusion of The Glebe however will completely unite that corner of Cossall parish.
- Access. By the inclusion of the The Glebe we achieve the requirement of access, as access to all of these properties will be within Cossall parish. In addition as the main access to the new development is from Shilo Way Awsworth, we agree that the 50 new houses designated for Cossall parish are moved to Awsworth parish.
- Sustainable Boundaries. The boundaries of our proposal are sustainable as they do not cut through properties, split roads, nor run through a field identified for development (please see map attached). In contrast your proposed boundary for Awsworth Lane does not allow for any future housing to be built next to or opposite the impacted housing.

Statement Challenge

There is increasing scepticism that the Broxtowe Borough Council proposal was influenced by Awsworth Neighbourhood plan as this was almost their exact proposals. Also discussions between their representatives and Broxtowe planning department had taken place approximately three years ago. We are disappointed the Broxtowe Borough Council did not give us the courtesy of rebuttal at an earlier stage to object to the proposals from the aggressive Awsworth parish. We feel it is important to stress that these proposals did not take the opinions of affected residents into consideration, who until now did not have a vote.

Given the strength of feeling in the parish, we request a meeting with yourself as soon as possible. We propose 31/08 or 01/09, at 6.30 pm., ideally in person in the hall in Cossall Parish, but by Zoom if this is not possible.