

Responses to Proposed Changes Relating to Eastwood

Object ID 8 - From Greasley Parish to Eastwood Parish: Coach Drive/Lindley Street

Objections

I object most strongly to the new boundary proposals outlined in your recent letter. I have lived in Greasley Parish for the last 60 years and have no wish to have it changed. I have always understood that the Beauvale Brook formed the natural boundary.

I wish to lodge an objection to the Greasley boundaries being changed. I like being part of this community and cannot see why or what benefits will arise from this proposal

I wish to inform you that as a resident of Coach Drive I do not wish to be moved into the Eastwood Town Council area as suggested in the recent Parish Boundary review being currently carried out by Broxtowe Borough Council.

Greasley is a large rural Parish composed of the settlements of Newthorpe, Giltbrook, Moorgreen, Watnall and Greasley. Most of these settlements are well defined but Newthorpe wraps around the perimeter of the Parish from Mansfield Road to Giltbrook. Although the area from Lower Beauvale towards Moorgreen retains its Newthorpe address, the Coach Drive Estate had its Post code changed to an Eastwood one by the Royal Mail but the deeds of the properties state our address is Newthorpe Grange Greasley. It is a small estate bordered mainly by a rural landscape and separated from Brinsley by the Brinsley Brook and from Eastwood by the Beauvale Brook both sustainable boundaries. Along the Coach Road leading into Lower Beauvale is an area of Green space owned by Greasley Parish Council. Eastwoods cricket pitch also lies within the Parish.

Originally the Parish was represented as a whole on Broxtowe Borough Council but was later warded by Broxtowe. The largest part of the Parish was named Greasley Ward, Watnall was taken in with part of Nuthall and the Coach Drive area along with Lower Beauvale and Beauvale was integrated into a Ward named after a Hotel rather than an area. The original set up for Polling days which was a shed at the end of Coach Drive was changed to using Durban House then the Cadet Hut.

Why has all this been explained because it has been a silent and stealthy way to erode the Parish identity over years without residents really noticing.

Greasley Parish Council are the only Parish area in the Borough of Broxtowe to own and run a Sports and Community Centre with which comes expenses to the Parish. Any loss of precept by the removal of properties from the Parish will have a great impact on the Parish being able to fulfil its commitments.

I wish to thank you for notifying us regarding the proposed changes from the Borough Council but at the same time register my concern that as this is a change to the Parish Boundary I have not received any communication from Greasley Parish Council by this date. I have attended two Parish Council meetings and raised questions regarding these proposed changes without receiving any satisfactory answers. I did give them some help when asked but still there has been no communication from the PC. It is now the middle of August and even if the PC wake up and send information to residents I fear in some cases it will be too little too late as other Town and Parish Councils have already sent out literature to their residents and prospective residents.

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for me having been a Parish and Borough Councillor for over 20 years. Others may not find it easy without support.

My address is 12 Brunel Avenue, NEWTHORPE, Notts NG16 3NH.

Apparently, the proposal is to move my address into the Eastwood Parish, which I don't understand, firstly because we have a Newthorpe address. I think this maybe something to do with the number of properties associated with Brunel Avenue and the broader residential estate. Including these properties has probably made the numbers easier. I for one don't want this to change, it might be very tidy from a numbers point of view.

I am contacting you regarding the proposed changes which effect Greasley Parish Boundaries.

As Eastwood Town Council offer very few facilities, in comparison to Greasley Parish Council, we see no practical reasons for the changes. They would be detrimental.

We live on Lower Beauvale Newthorpe, and object to the new proposals of changing the boundaries .we need to keep our green belt safe from inappropriate development. Greasley have put a lot of hard work with the sports centre. Greasley Parish council has served us well . leave them to do our business.

We are opposed to the boundary changes. We are worried about the effect it might have on the greenbelt area and Colliers Wood. We feel the need to safeguard the farmland and greenbelt for future generations.

It would be very unfair for residents of Newthorpe to lose the significant characteristics of our neighbourhood with this proposal.

General Comments

As ward Councillor for the Greasley Ward I do not agree with the changes suggested in the recent Parish Boundary review being currently carried out by Broxtowe Borough Council.

My Ward covers the largest part of the Parish of Greasley which is a large rural Parish composed of the settlements of Newthorpe, Giltbrook, Moorgreen, Watnall and Greasley. Most of these settlements are well defined but Newthorpe wraps around the perimeter of the Parish from Mansfield Road to Giltbrook.

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There are anomalies which have needed addressing for a long while. Those are the areas off Scargill Ave, Mary Road etc where the last few houses are in Eastwood and the others are in Greasley. A similar pattern exists on Violet Avenue on Daisy Farm.

I am aware that several residents on Braemar Avenue wish to remain in Greasley and in my view, it would be better to retain this and the new development leading to the A610 within the Ward together with the green space on the opposite side of the A610 currently in Greasley.

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Similarly, I believe we should retain the houses currently within the ward on Gilthill. The welcome to Kimberley sign currently lies in land in Greasley but that is no reason to move this rae into Kimberley.

Greasley Parish Council are the only Parish area in the Borough of Broxtowe to own and run a Sports and Community Centre with which comes expenses to the Parish. Any loss of precept from the removal of properties from the Parish will have a great impact on the Parish being able to fulfill its commitments and especially on my residents who will remain within the Parish. They have over the last couple of years experienced a rise in the precept and (I stand corrected if this is wrong) I believe Parish Councils do not have the same restrictions on the rise in precept as the Borough or County Councils do. I am concerned the residents may suffer from further rises in the precept.

As a resident I asked the Parish Council what if anything they were going to respond to the Borough on this matter and when and if they were going to inform residents. I did give them some help on this but in regard to the Ward of Greasley I have no idea what if anything they have responded with. I also reached out to my fellow Ward Councillors but no response from there either. As a democratic exercise this is a failure as I know many of my residents knew nothing about what was happening and although they live in my Ward there are those who would not like to see areas of this large and historic Parish removed.

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As a resident of the parish of Greasley for almost 36 years I wish to inform you that I am somewhat alarmed by the contents of your letter, of June, and the proposed boundary changes detailed within.

Greasley is an historic parish, dating back to the Domesday Book and the Parish Council was originally formed 127 years ago. The area represented by the Council is rural but contains a significant number of small settlements which were, at one time, separated by open country, from the larger towns of Eastwood and Kimberley. Although progressive urbanisation has eroded this separation almost entirely most of these areas retain their own identity and have no wish to be absorbed into either of the larger towns. New Eastwood, where we live, is a case in point. Our identity is already being overwritten. The exit from the eastbound A610 is signposted "New Eastwood" but, as you come round the curve a new sign welcomes you to "Eastwood".

The proposal to redraw the boundary, as indicated in your letter, seems designed to emasculate Greasley Parish, with a net removal of 185 properties and 444 electors. This, however, is only a small part of the impact of the changes, as it seeks to relocate the brownfield development, currently taking place on the former site of Beamlight Automotive, from Greasley to Eastwood, before it has even been completed. New Eastwood, and the adjoining Giltbrook area, has seen/is seeing considerable development in terms of residential housing but, even with the voice of Greasley to lobby on our behalf, has seen virtually zero complimentary development in local services with no new schools, no new health care facilities and no improvement in public transport. I would point out that the only locally funded sports/leisure venue is that of Greasley Sports Centre, which is funded by the Greasley electorate, via the Parish Council. No such facilities exist under the auspices of Eastwood Town Council, something of which Broxtowe Borough Council do not appear to have challenged.

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Should the proposed transfer proceed as indicated it will condemn those of us directly impacted to a future where our voice and the weight of our opinion is considerably reduced. Being absorbed into the mass of Eastwood does not inspire any confidence that our situation would improve.

One only needs to look at the desolate state of the town centre to see the result of the dismal approach of the Town Council to the provision of facilities for the electorate. In the time I have lived here the town centre has degenerated hugely with every Council decision only assisting the decline.

I strongly object to this proposal and suspect that it is the first step on a road designed to eliminate the rural parish of Greasley. Accordingly, I would ask that you reconsider.

Object ID 26 - From Eastwood Parish to Greasley Parish: Newthorpe Common to Mary Road and Wheeler Avenue taking in Dovecote Road and Charles Avenue

Objections

I like to register an objection to the proposals submitted regarding my property located at * Nottingham Road, Eastwood, Nottingham, NG16 2AP. The proposals/potential changes would see my property and a number of other along Nottingham Road move from Eastwood Town Council to Greasley Parish Council.

The main objections/concerns:

One of the main access routes into Hilltop and Eastwood would be divided – with each side of this road effectively funding a separate parish council. Would this have an impact on the street scene i.e. hanging baskets/welcome signs/Christmas lights? Along with the priority and funding subject to change? As an alternative, could the boundary include properties on both sides on Nottingham Road – with the divide between Eastwood Town Council and Greasley Parish Council being at the rear of these properties i.e. along the boundaries?

Note – The main access to all properties on Nottingham Road is from within Eastwood Town Council – these changes effective mean that we'd live and access our properties via two Council's.

These changes are not supportive of community cohesion - isolating us from our neighbours across the road.

Support

Fully support the proposed changes to remove * Dovecote Road, Eastwood, Nottingham. NG16 3EZ From Eastwood and reallocate this to Greasley Parish Council. Dovecote Road in my opinion is far more aligned to the Greasley community and my property is just a couple of yards along from both Greasley Community sports hall and Greasley miners welfare.

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