

## Hilton Focus Team

### The madness of Council Boundaries

Local Government never ceases to amaze me, and I've been working inside or with various Councils for 38 years...

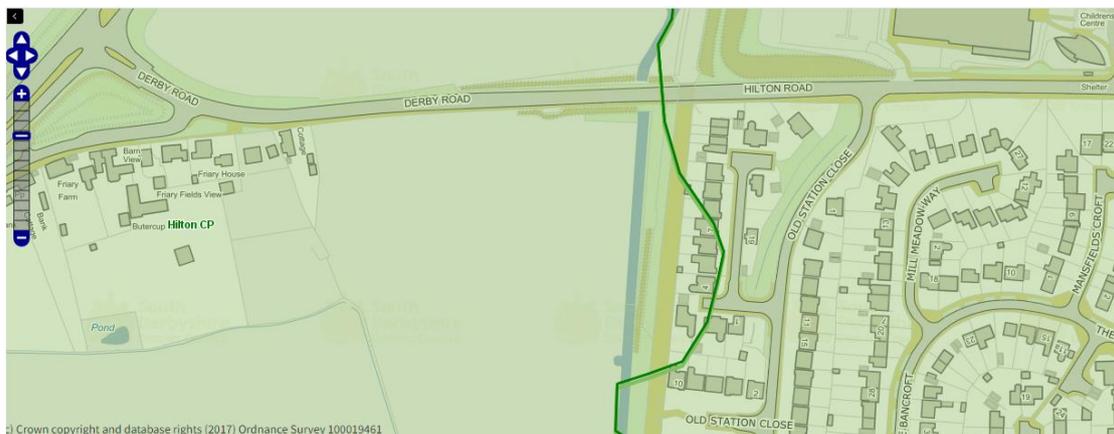
Sparked by a recent consultation by Derbyshire County Council about changes to their "Electoral Divisions" that they intend to implement ahead of the May 2025 elections, I decided to highlight a couple of peculiar issues with Hilton's Ward and Parish boundaries.

#### 1) When you live in Hilton, but don't!



If you happen to live in one of these 4 houses off Rutland Close or Thornton Drive, you don't live in Hilton according to who you vote for, in the County, District or Parish elections. You live in Egginton and therefore elect people in Etwall (for County and District elections) or Egginton for the Parish. With the latest Boundary changes for the General Election, you will still vote for the MP for South Derbyshire (the Lib Dems have a fine candidate - Lucy Care), whilst the rest of Hilton will vote for constituency of Derbyshire Dales (the Lib Dems have a fine candidate - Robert Court).

#### 2) When you live in Etwall, but you are somehow living in Hilton



If you happen to live in one of these 6 houses on Old Station Close, in Etwall, you will be voting with everyone in Hilton, for their MP, their County Councillor, their District Councillors and even for the Hilton Parish Council.

For those with long memories you'll notice that for reasons of history the old station building was in Hilton Parish and it is those houses that are now still in the boundary.

### 3) Why it is Hilton crossing, but the old station was Egginton station

In a similar way, the old Egginton station (now a private house) is actually in Egginton, but the crossing and the railway cottages in Hilton!



The relatively good news, I've fed these comments into the various Councils and Derbyshire County are conducting a boundary review currently and South Derbyshire aim to do one in January 2025, so with any luck these oddities will be sorted out.

If you'd like to check out these sorts of issues the South Derbyshire mapping portal is a good place to get the information.

<https://maps.southderbyshire.gov.uk/>

Obviously over the next little while you will be hearing more about Robert Court as our candidate for MP in the Hilton area, depending of course when a general election is called...

In the meantime, if you have any other issues, you'd like your Lib Dem local Councillors to take up, come along to our new "drop in" sessions from 1:30pm – 3:00pm on the last Thursday of each month in the Café at Don Amott's.

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