

SIMON FELTON

This edge could also be considered as a path, something which Goodey et al commented in their 1971 look at Lynch and Birmingham residents' perception of the city, can sometimes happen. While it is distinctly the edge, literally of the city and countryside, it is also a route along the lane and footpaths which residents can use to travel along the south of Druids Heath estate.

The edge is literally the hedge that bounds Druids Lane and which marks, with a few minor public footpath gateways, an impenetrable boundary with Bromsgrove local authority in Worcestershire and contrasts visibly with farmland in the green belt with the 1960s housing estate. The edge here is a physical one as well as an administrative boundary, the ward and city boundary for Birmingham as well as the contrast of countryside and housing (<https://billdargue.jimdofree.com/placenames-gazetteer-a-to-y/places-d/druids-heath/>). The countryside here opens into Worcestershire and the National Trust's plan for an 8 Hills Regional Park (<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/worcestershire-herefordshire/clent-hills/8-hills>) taking in Client Hill sweeping around the Birmingham conurbation to Beacon Hill and Cofton Hill and then south of Druids Heath to Weatheroak Hill.
