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Arion Lawrence  
Shropshire Unitary Authority Electoral Review  
The Boundary Committee for England  
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Dear Sir,

It is with some concern that I have viewed proposals for the boundary changes in North Shropshire. If the system is totally reliant upon numbers it does NOT reflect the traditional geography and demographic relationships within the community.

The market towns in the area are discrete communities and to an extent, self-reliant with their own populations and problems. However the surrounding areas, which are on the whole very rural in nature, often have a very sparse population which has a very different demand on services and their provision than the towns.

The council work in these rural areas is different to that in the towns and is demanding of time as the distances involved between places is obviously greater.

Thus the representation of the electorate should reflect the urban and rural populations by not lumping the two together but by letting town and country have their own representatives, particularly in the cases of Wem and Whitchurch which are both surrounded by very rural and sparsely populated areas. (Ellesmere and Market Drayton are similarly affected)

It would better serve the two populations ie town and country if they had a degree of separate representation.

I trust you will give consideration to this view when considering the proposed boundary changes.

Yours faithfully,

Moya Walker (North Shropshire D.C. Whixall ward)

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