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I see no merit whatsoever in these proposals, and they should be withdrawn forthwith. What is so very bad about them is that they bear no connection to population centres, nor with the character of wards, and seem intended maliciously to destroy representation at district level for Malvern Hills. In my own parish of Leigh, which is a disparate collection of villages, for some inexplicable reason Bransford and parts of Leigh Sinton are to be taken from the ward. Both these villages are a core part of Alfrick & Leigh, and it is quite wrong to separate representation from within the parish. Linking Bransford with Rushwick, which is a suburb of Worcester, removes its connection with Leigh and Leigh Sinton, yet Bransford is on the main route between the two villages, and most parish activities in Leigh involve those in Bransford, including the petrol station, the Fold and the hotel. Was the intention to make Bransford a suburb of Worcester? Likewise, I cannot for the life of me understand the separation of the hamlet of Lulsley from the village of Alfrick. They are to all extents the same place (Lulsey has Alfrick's pub), and should be represented together. Creating a giant ward around the expanding village of Martley, creates a conflict between the large village of Martley, with an industrial centre, with the many rural communities between Knightwick and Abberley. The situation in Malvern is baffling. Why abolish the ward of West, unless the intention is to remove two popular Green Party councillors without any public consent? It is a violation of democracy, and the Boundary Commission should be ashamed of this blatant piece of party gerrymandering. I understand that the County, which is overwhelmingly Conservative is concerned about Malvern Hills being run by a coalition of Independents. Using a public office, which is supposed to be politically neutral to destroy the ward structure of Malvern Hills District Council, is a violation of its remit. It is not the job of the Boundary Commission to pervert the wishes of the electorate in this manner. If these proposals are carried through, then I demand a Public Inquiry. I shall be making my feelings known on social media.

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