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Recommendations January 2022 Response - Alfrick and Lulsley Parish Council  
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Attached is this council's response to these proposals.

In summary -

*Regardless of any wider reorganisation, the parishes of Alfrick and Lulsley should continue to be an entity and not divided to achieve a numerical balance which would have a damaging effect out of all proportion considering the very small electorate involved.*

This was agreed unanimously at the council's monthly meeting on 24th February 2022

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## **Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley**

### **Response to Boundary Commission Proposals 2022**

#### **Current Situation at February 2022**

Electorate: Alfrick 467, Lulsley 117, Properties: Alfrick 256, Lulsley 66.

Civil Parish: 1st Parish Meetings, 1893 Parishes Councils combined, 1974

Ecclesiastical Parish: Lulsley Church closed 1968 - The parish of St Mary Magdalene, Alfrick and Lulsley established 1968. Following several reorganisations the Parishes of Alfrick with Lulsley, Leigh and Bransford, Leigh Sinton and Suckley, exist as joint parish in the Church of England

#### **Discussion**

##### **Representation and Administration**

For nearly half a century the civil affairs of Alfrick and Lulsley Parish Council have been indistinguishably linked. Under the draft proposals, how is communication with the next administrative tier, MHDC, to be accomplished? Lulsley items – very few completely relating to Lulsley would be passed to the District Councillor for the new Martley ward. Others to the District Councillor for the new Leigh ward. Who will deal with 'joint' issues?

##### **Geographical Situation**

Although a cursory glance at a map shows Lulsley with a boundary onto Doddenham and Broadwas parishes there is no direct connection as the boundary is the river Teme. (The only crossing is via the C2065 to Knightwick, and A44 to Doddenham, 2 miles.) There is no other physical link to Martley District. Seven properties in Lulsley (Green Street) are effectively in Alfrick as they have no road connection to Lulsley and residents have to travel 2 miles via Alfrick to reach the Fox and Hounds, the only public house in the parish, in Lulsley.

##### **Social**

Lulsley residents' activities are focused towards Alfrick, (1 mile), with a Community-run Village Shop, Playing Field and Community Hall (Alfrick and Lulsley Village Hall) and further on via Leigh to Malvern or to Worcester. Links to Martley, Doddenham, Broadwas and Broadheath can be made only over the two river Teme bridges at Knightwick (see above) and, at a distance, Bransford.

#### **Summary**

From the above it can be seen that Lulsley and its electors are more closely linked to Alfrick and Leigh than to Martley. The whole of Lulsley (Green Street) post-code WR6 5QR – 12 electors, 7 properties will be effectively disenfranchised by the draft proposals (Unless the old parish boundaries are redrawn this enclave in Alfrick will have to refer to the Martley District Councillor on district council matters.) A further 105 electors, 59 properties in Lulsley will have their ability to influence district council (MHDC) matters reduced by a clumsy split from what is currently an effective communication path.

#### **Proposal:**

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#### ***Minute 7.***

##### **Parish Boundaries Review.**

***Confirm the Chair's proposal that the Boundaries Commission is asked to revise its draft proposal and maintain the integrity of the joint parish of Alfrick and Lulsley. (The full text of the response has been circulated in advance, see appendix -a).***

***This was agreed unanimously.***



***Clerk to the Council 25/02/2022***