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Dear Sirs,

As residents of Bowers Hill, Badsey we are upset to see that our community identity is being compromised on the latest consultation document from Wychavon District Council concerning the boundary changes.

After studying the documentation from January 2022 and the latest documentation issued in July, we are very worried to see a change without any consultation with residents. In the January documentation Bowers Hill is a ward of Badsey, however, in the July 2022 documentation Bowers Hill ward has now disappeared and is to be swallowed up into Badsey village. Taking this action will mean that Bowers Hill loses its community identity, regardless of the many years it has been an independent electoral hamlet.

Badsey is three miles away from some houses in the hamlet so could you please explain to us why this change is occurring? Also, why such changes are being implemented without any consultation whatsoever with the residents of Bowers Hill?

During the previous consultation a number of residents from Bowers Hill requested that the hamlet be transferred into Wickhamford because we share much more community identity with this village. It is next to our hamlet, we share refuse collectors, delivery of post, and we have worked with Liz Eyre on various traffic issues with successful outcomes. Has this new development of quietly absorbing our hamlet/ward been done to prevent this in the future? Is this because it makes sense to others as well as residents? Are local councillors working to their own agenda?

It is still our wish to be part of the Wickhamford community. However, if this is not the case Bowers Hill must be allowed to keep its own identity, and remain a ward of Badsey with its own Electoral area prefix ABD.

Bowers Hill has been an electoral ward of Badsey for many decades, with a very proud history and generations of local families have grown up here.

We would like to invite a representative from the LGBC to meet residents to discuss our worries, and resolve this issue. We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

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