

Wychavon District Council

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Comment text:

Droitwich is a sub-urban town of built up housing, high street access with park and green access spaced throughout. Residents have a strong focus on footpaths and travel links to the Droitwich train station and town center. The Copcut Rise estate, as well as cul de sacs to the North East of Droitwich Spa like Impney Way, share more than a streetscape and urban design with Droitwich, sharing its physical, social and service infrastructure. The physical boundaries that previously separated these areas from Droitwich have been blurred in appearance and function by road and river crossings to create new neighbourhoods of an established town. The same cannot be said for Hampton Lovett to the North West of Droitwich Spa which is separated by a singularly crossible river and a lack of any marked road crossings or footways. Looking beyond the present, it's important to incorporate the future growth of Droitwich Spa in the planning of ward boundaries. Adjacent to the train station is a large brownfield site earmarked for an estimated 300 houses. In the lower lands to the South of the Chateau Impney, an open planning application for 200 houses sits with little objection. In the south of the town sits several planning application sites amongst ongoing development which were heavily opposed and have been expectedly problematic, evidencing a crucial need to stop any further development south of the town. With local and central government policy, as well as high housing need, we must ensure northern Droitwich ward boundaries include areas likely to be considered for housing and the number of voters in these wards be lower to accommodate this. For these reasons, it would endanger the effective residents of, here meaning those living in areas built on the infrastructure of, Droitwich Spa of being unfairly represented at a local authority level.

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