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Hampton Lovett & Westwood Parish Council. Have recently received draft recommendations from The Local Government Boundary Commission for England regarding changes to ward boundaries and ward names for Wychavon.

The LGBC for England propose making changes to Parish Electoral arrangements for the following Parish and Town Councils:

Aldington Parish Council.

Droitwich Spa Town Council.

Eversham Parish Council.

Hampton Lovett Parish Council.

South Lenchies Parish Council.

Their proposal, is to take Doverdale Park Mobile Homes out of Hampton Lovett & Westwood Parish Council and include us in a New Electoral Ward known as Droitwich West, this new ward will include the Industrial Estates (who as far as we know do not have any electoral voters as it's places to work not to live in??) all of the Westlands Estate, and the Homes along the one side of the Railway Line that divides Droitwich Town Centre also parts of Chawson.

As you can guess the HL&WPC are not Happy about this, as it will split the community with Doverdale Park Homes being part of a Town Council represented by 18 councillors (it will also be political) of which Droitwich WEST Ward will have 2 councillors.

(Doverdale Park Homes would be a small Individual Community over 55 & quite a lot older,

Outside the settlement boundary of Droitwich, and separated by two natural

boundary's the Elmbridge Brook and more important, The Significant/
Strategic Gap!

Beyond this to the north, is open countryside, making Doverdale Park Homes
an integral part of Hampton Lovett and not Droitwich!)

**** Most of the residents of Doverdale Park Homes remember the Planning
application we all fought against which started in 2017 and was dismissed in
Jan 2020 so keeping our area semi rural!! . This includes the pasture land
that surrounds us which incidentally is adjacent to the lane known as The
Forest & The Church Of St Mary's Hampton Lovett, Grade 1 Listed.****

Being in a Rural Parish Council, as we are now, we get better representation
for our electorate at the quarterly meetings. Our latest achievement is the go
ahead for the Speed Awareness Signs, to be placed on the stretch of the
A442 before the entrance to the Park and by Doverdale Lane in the near
future. This has been passed by The County Highways Liaison Officer and
it's being funded by our Parish Council. Who get direct advice from
Councillors attending the meetings from Wychavon District Council also from
Worcestershire County Council.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England. In The draft, are
asking for our views, on what they have proposed, is an accurate reflection of
our community identity? and what connections we have to our local area?.

We have had a meeting with the Officers of Doverdale Park Homes Residents
Association.

As the majority of the Park residents are members, who pay a subscription
annually.

It is Recognised as an Official Residents Association by our landowners.

They can hopefully give a strong indication of our Community, Identity and
their feelings as to whether they want to be a ward in Droitwich Town Council
or if our electorate at this time approx 156 prefer to STAY as they are, In a
Parish Council situation!.

Even if Hampton Lovett has to be amalgamated with another nearby Parish
Council. We would prefer to be part of a Parish Council and be semi rural and

not part of an urban area which we are not.

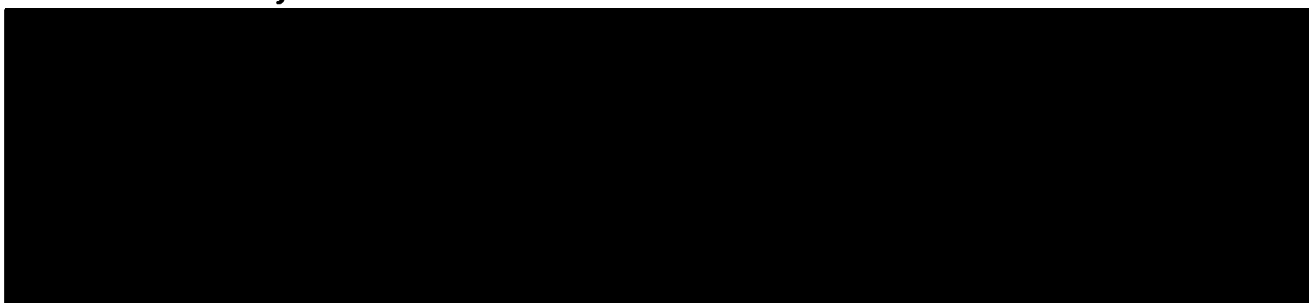
Our electoral numbers would not increase that much anyway, before the elections to be held in 2023. So it is a pointless motion you propose and would upset a lot of people!

The Association will be replying to this review and asking the residents for their input, to whether they are happy with, or do not agree with the proposals given by the Draft recommendations for the new wards, boundaries and ward names for Wychavon.

The more support we can get gives us a better chance to challenge these proposals and hopefully stay as we are being represented fairly in a Parish Council situation rather than Droitwich Town Council who would probably be too busy to listen to us and our requirements.

Councillor Christine Ellson-Evans, From Hampton Lovett & Westwood Parish Council

Who actually lives on Doverdale Park and represents the Residents wholeheartedly!



Below are some of the things the LGBCE want Doverdale Residents opinions on.

*** Services & Amenities**

As far as Amenities are concerned, we have the choice to shop where we want, not always in Droitwich, like any village outside local towns, some of us turn right from the park & go towards Cutnall Green for the local post office, tea room & shop. There's Chequers, as well as the Entourage Indian Restaurant. The local Farm Shops, Bannut Tree, Rowberrys Shop and

Nursery. There's other towns & places we can visit, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, or even Worcester City for more varied shopping choices and cinemas etc.

A lot of our residents now have shopping delivered! Due to Covid but now find it more convenient for them as some are vulnerable.

The services we still use Droitwich for, because no other choices available to us are the Doctors surgeries, Pharmacy & Optical appointments. The BMI and the Library, Main PostOffice Banks when needed, the Railway station and other bus services for connections, to other places, but we are not dependent on Droitwich. It is down to us where we go!

*Travel

We have a limited bus service 20b which only comes up our way every 2 hours from Droitwich. This is used by some of our residents , and is valuable to them as a means of going to Droitwich for appointments & shopping,

More people would use the bus instead of the car if a more regular service was available

There's also a bus service to Kidderminster Mon, Wed, Friday but again this is a very limited service since Covid 19

*Connections

We have connections with Hampton Lovett, There are many events held at The Parish Hall.

The yearly AGM of the DPRA Association and it's Christmas Party, we have used the hall for Defibrillator Training, There used to be a weekly Dancing Club before the Pandemic & exercise classes. Residents can hire it for birthdays and other happy events and on occasions funeral Wakes. The Church of St Mary's , Hampton Lovett, where again there is a connection. Some residents form part of the congregation for religious services, Harvest festival,

Christmas, Weddings, and funerals. It also used as a place to mourn some of our loved ones who lived on the Park & now rest in peace, in the grounds surrounding the Church.

Many of the residents from Doverdale Park Homes enjoy the lovely local walks!

Some with their dogs and others just for exercise and to meet up in group walks in the surrounding areas past the Church under the Railway bridges, including The Monarchs Way!

These are mine & my husbands views, but I know others share them! So please be considerate and let us remain as we are. We all moved to Doverdale Park to be away from urban life and enjoy the slower pace of life in our more maturing years!

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