

**HARRIETT BALDWIN MP**



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Dear Mr Jackson

I am writing in response to your consultation on the proposed changes to boundaries for Wychavon District Council in my capacity as Member of Parliament for West Worcestershire.

In principle, I support the regular review of boundaries and have always supported measures which reduce the cost of democracy to the taxpayer. I therefore welcome the reduction in the number of councillors and the efforts to make wards equal sizes.

At present, the West Worcestershire boundaries are fixed representing the five Wychavon wards – Eckington, Pershore, Bredon, South Bredon Hill and Elmley Castle and Somerville. The new ward configuration will result in the merging of two Bredon wards and the creation of a new Broadway and Wickamford ward. In addition, parts of the Fladbury ward will have both a Mid Worcestershire and a West Worcestershire MP. This merging of wards may have a negative impact on my constituents and may result in confusion on who, and how they access their democratically- elected representatives at a national level, as well as the elected councillors who will have to work with and report to two different Westminster offices.

As part of the formal review of these changes, I would hope that the Commission will be cognisant of the potential impact of these changes, within the context of existing Parliamentary boundaries.

Yours sincerely,

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**Harriett Baldwin MP**  
Member of Parliament for West Worcestershire