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Dear Mr Jackson

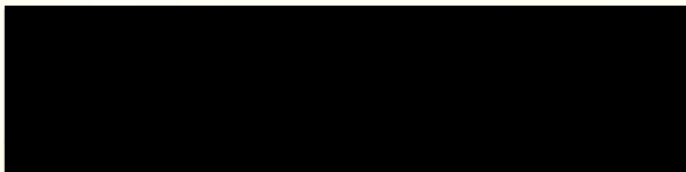
I am writing in response to your consultation on the proposed changes to boundaries for Wychavon District Council in my capacity as Member of Parliament for West Worcestershire.

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,



Harriett Baldwin MP
Member of Parliament for West Worcestershire