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Please find attached the response from Kington and Dormston Parish Council objecting to the planned changes:

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Kington & Dormston response to the proposed changes to the current Electoral wards

The Parish Council understands why the proposals have been made in that the 'new' wards will better reflect similar pro rata populations between wards and Councillors representing, similar numbers of people.

However, we are concerned that the draft plan takes Dormston and Kington Parish Council, out of the Upton Snodsbury ward and places it in the proposed enlarged, new Inkberrow ward, for the following reasons:

Inkberrow will become one of the larger wards in the District and Inkberrow is no longer a village but fast becoming a small town.

Inkberrow is 3 miles from Kington and Dormston centres and this Parish has few interests or links with it, except a doctor's surgery. We are much more aligned and similar in demographics, historical features, and interests to Flyford, Naunton Beauchamp and Upton Snodsbury- all in the Upton Snodsbury ward.

The Parish Council fear that in the future, if this proposal goes ahead our Parish will not be represented so well and will feel like a small fish in a much larger pool.

Apart from two small areas which are more densely populated, the majority of this Parish is very rural with many isolated properties, unlike Inkberrow.

This Parish suffers from rural crime and the blight of the A422 road, which sees high numbers of accidents and many reports of vehicles travelling at excess speeds. These are similar issues to those experienced by the Upton Snodsbury Ward and in the past, we have worked together to highlight and try and resolve those issues.

Upton Snodsbury is much closer to this Parish, and we have more in common than Inkberrow.