

Worcestershire

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Related subject: Wychavon and Worcester

I am referring to the submission by the county council

1. I do not believe that there is fairness in the number of seats proposed. e.g. all but one of Worcester City's proposed seats are negative, and all but one in Wychavon area are positive, some being in double figures. This would significantly disadvantage rural areas with distinct identities, in favour of urban areas with closer identities.
2. This creates an over-representation of residents in Worcester and an under-representation in Wychavon. Wychavon has the residents for 12.67 councillors compared to Worcester's 9.48. Given the rural nature of Wychavon and the number of parishes in some proposed divisions, there are far more meetings in the Wychavon area to attend. There is also an argument that some of the Worcester seats make no sense with the Riverside seat spread over the river where both sides are very different and have very different identities.
3. If the county proposals are to be accepted I strongly support the proposal of Pershore Division remaining together- the parishes of Bishampton and Throckmorton, Pinvin, Hill and Moor and Wyre Piddle work very closely together, especially as the development plan is proposing a new town around the airfield- which is right at the centre of the division. The parish of Pinvin is now closely connected to the town of Pershore, with the schools in Pinvin having many of the residents of north Pershore attending. There is also no break in development between Pinvin and Pershore anymore and so, while they may have a slightly different feel to them, they are closely connected in identity.

Attached Documents:

None attached