

Worcestershire

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Related subject: Evesham North West and Evesham South Divisions

Wychavon District Council area of Worcestershire County Council already has a +5% average over the County average variance.

Wychavon Average = 9,131
County Average = 8,687

4 out of the 6 Districts are within the County are at average tolerance.
Wychavon and Bromsgrove exceed average.

Accepting Electoral Equality already discriminates against any changes to Evesham S and Evesham NW. Both divisions starting point was already plus 5%.

Currently there is Democratic Equality i.e. three members looking after Evesham Town Centre – this is a fair representation of the town.

The County Proposals now suggest only two divisions across the town centre i.e. within the “river” bend i.e. give Polling District BE to the rural Harvington division.

The proposed Harvington Division would represent a geographic area of many rural square miles from Cookhill to Evesham Abbey Bridge.

It is felt that the proposed Division of Harvington will dilute the dynamic and possibly impede any councillor who has to represent such profoundly different communities.

The majority of commerce, highway, community, religious, civic, cultural and play areas sit within the “river” bend and is contained within Polling Division BE.

By keeping BE within Evesham South will allow the whole of Evesham Town to rely upon two urban divisions and one rural division.

This has worked well for the community of both within the “river” bend and either side.

It ensures that decisions can be made by agreement, whereas only being represented by two divisions will limit progress due to indecision.

This areas is home to the crown jewels of Evesham town – Polling district BE

Bell Tower

Evesham Abbey

Evesham Town Council and Civic Offices

The Abbey Park

The Riverside retail/commercial

Two CofE Churches

1 Methodist Church

1 Baptist Church

Evesham Library

The County proposals would pass these urban community treasures to a predominately rural division.

The new parliamentary constituency is called Droitwich and Evesham – by gifting polling district to BE to Harvington Division means all of the principal town’s commerce, highway, community, religious, civic, cultural and play will not be represented by an Evesham Division elected representative.

To keep Convenient and Effective local government and keep Community identity and interests, it is suggested that:

Keep BB in Evesham Northwest – this makes a district average exceedance of +9% (county +15%)

Keep BE in Evesham South – this makes a district average of exceedance of +9% (county 12%)

Attached Documents:

None attached