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Good afternoon

I have been resident in Penkridge since 1965 and have seen the growth of the village since then.

With reference to the above - I wish to submit my comments below.

Having read all the documentation on the Gove website and the SSC submissions it would appear that the proposal is for reduction of the number of district Councillors from 49 to 41.

This is to be achieved by changing boundaries of the wards - and in anticipation of future growth of Penkridge.

However I found the map showing the existing boundaries - but not the proposed changed boundaries suggested by the Commission.

Maybe I have missed something.

I have seen the submissions from SSC who end up by agreeing to the change - without showing how and where?

The submission by 1 District Councillor - TM Boyle - shows that the national average for the number of voters per District Councillor should be about 2200.

From the electoral figures given by SSC at present in 2021 the Penkridge voters are shown as approx

- West - 1700
- South East - 3700
- North East and A T - 2900

Although from the various tables the variances show different figures for different years.

However if the figure of about average 2200 is used – there appears to an assumption that most of the growth of Penkridge will be on the North - and East of the Rail line maybe - therefore the boundaries for Penkridge DC ward boundaries could be amended as follows:-

- West increase - include area Lyne Hill - remove it from South East. This would transfer about 300- 400 voters maybe include the land east to the Canal (now Green Belt)
- West increase - include the land North east of the A449 to the river as far north to Lower Drayton Lane to include some of the proposed future growth of the village - remove all this land from NE and AT. This may transfer say another 300 - 400 voters to allow for present development and some future growth.

There appears to be no future growth planned for the South East.

- therefore SE may require only 1 District Councillor.
- West should may require only 1 district Councillor
- North East and A T may have 2 District Councillors to represent future growth of the village.

Please See attached plan.

Perhaps the situation may be reviewed again in 2027 when the future growth of Penkridge is known or planned.

Regards

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