

Malvern Hills District Council

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Boundary Commission Review Malvern Hills District Council Submission Councillor Bronwen Behan Longdon Ward My parishes of Queenhill, Holdfast and Bushley were pleased to note that in the recent review assessment they were not to be included with Ripple Ward. There has been a recent link of the three Parish Councils LQH to make it easier to deal with issues and provide governance and information. This has also reduced the need to attend seven Parish Council meetings within the Ward to only five. However, the recent suggestion to link Longdon Ward with Welland and create one giant Ward with two representing District Councillors seems I'll conceived. The area is vast and extremely rural with properties mainly dispersed in remote hamlets and a challenge to both locate and visit when necessary. Longdon Ward forms part of the flood plain for the South of the District and during periods of heavy rain the area becomes cut off from the main towns and villages. The variation in the overall number of residents to include both Wards seems relatively small and my personal view is that both Wards work very well separately. Linking the two Wards will also increase Parish Councils and there are currently 5 Parish Council meetings to attend in Longdon Ward occurring monthly or every two months. Even with two Councillors this will place a burden on work load in respect of both time and travel.

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