

## Malvern Hills District Council

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### Comment text:

As a serving District and Town councillor for the current Link ward, I agree with the proposal to add Newland and areas of Link top to the existing Link ward. These allow for the integration of the whole of the retail areas of Link into a single ward, centred around the Link common and shared planning and heritage characteristics, such as the Trinity Conservation Area. However, I disagree with proposals to remove Upper Howsell ward and merge with West ward. The justification for this merger centres around the education links of the ward. I don't believe this is reflected properly by merging this ward entirely. Many school children my Link Ward attend Somers Park School in the proposed Upper Howsell ward, and many in that ward attend St Matthias school in my ward. These community facilities have a stronger bond to the wider area of Malvern Link. I don't believe that some of these residents, who pass between the current Dyson Perrins ward and the Link ward, would have these interactions reflected by being included in a ward that includes areas around West Malvern. Further to this, the locality of addresses in this Upper Howsell area is identified as Malvern Link, further showing how residents in this area face Link, rather than West. I am mindful of the constraints of drawing correctly proportional wards. So to reflect the community links at play here and draw up correctly sized wards, I would propose keeping the draft Link ward as it is, but renamed to "Link South and Newland", and the proposed Upper Howsell ward restored and renamed to "Link North".

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded