

Malvern Hills District Council

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I strongly support the proposed boundaries for Martley Ward. There are good arguments for single-member wards in rural areas. District councillors usually attend parish council meetings, where they meet and answer questions from members of the public as well as parish councillors. Democracy is a continuing relationship between the electors and the elected, and not just a matter of elections every four years. This is made more difficult where district councillors represent wards which include very many different parishes. The proposals for Martley Ward are therefore welcome. Clifton-upon-Teme and Martley have close links. People from Clifton travel by car and bus through Martley to go to Worcester. Knightwick and Doddenham have a single parish council which has worked jointly with Martley Parish Council to produce a joint neighbourhood plan. The great majority of the population of the parishes of Knightwick and Doddenham live close to the Martley Parish boundary, along the road from Martley down to the A44. Children from Clifton, Knightwick and Doddenham attend Chantry Academy in Martley. This all confirms a shared community of interest well-suited to sharing a district councillor.

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