

## Malvern Hills District Council

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I am unhappy about the proposal to move the electoral boundary so that Upper Welland will move from the Malvern Wells electoral area to the Longdon electoral area. Councillors elected to represent the communities of Longdon and Welland cannot be expected to have the same concerns as those elected to represent Malvern Wells.. The concerns of residents in UW are closely allied to the concerns of residents of Malvern Wells. In terms of every day needs UW has evolved to become a part of MWells village, with shared facilities and vested interests. As such it makes sense they should share all the same Councillors. UW is not only physically closer to Malvern Wells than to Longdon and Welland, but it has, over the years, developed a close connection both in terms of community and of facilities with Malvern Wells . Welland and Longdon have their own identity and communities which are different from those of Malvern Wells. UW has no connection with Welland or Longdon except for its rural location. .For example -MWells and UW fall under the same Conservation Area . Being part of the AONB has a big impact on the size and shape of local future development; -the children of UW are predominately educated at the MWells Cof E Primary School (which is linked to All Saints Church also in MWells) . They do not usually attend Welland Primary school. UW is dependent on facilities in MWells, such as the shops, garage and the village hall etc whilst the playing fields, children's play area and the village green (where events like the MWells village fete are held) are located in UW, along with the nature reserve which also provides for local recreational needs MWells and UW are now, in terms of community needs, a single entity, thus UW is dependent on facilities in MWells, such as the shops, garage and the village hall etc whilst the playing fields, children's play area and the village green (where events like the MWells village fete are held) are located in UW, along with the nature reserve which also provides for local recreational needs -MWells and UW fall under the same Conservation Area and MHT jurisdiction and so benefit in terms of MHT's voting rights and car park passes. However it appears that if the proposed electoral boundary change were to be implemented the residents of UW would lose their MHT benefits but still have to pay the levy. Although UW has managed to keep its own identity and sense of place, from the above examples it is apparent that in terms of every day needs UW has evolved to become a part of MWells village, with shared facilities and vested interests. As such it makes sense they should share all the same Councillors. PLEASE do not move Upper Welland and St Wulstans out of the Malvern Wells electoral area. We value having elected representatives who know the area,

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