

## Malvern Hills District Council

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I have resided continuously and without interruption in the Parish of GUARLFORD since May 1978 and previously since I was born in the Parish of Hanley Castle since 1947 which are both encompassed in the MHDC area. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Having studied the representation made by MHDC dated November 2020 and the statistics contained therein I make the following observations and comments: Firstly notably the Powick Ward in which I reside had the highest turnout of 44.01% in the 2019 Elections despite it being a large rural area This is because it is excellently represented by our present two democratically elected Ward Members. I accept that the SRA is higher than the other Wards; but democracy should not be priced or be bought at a price. Proper representation of the people who live in a large rural area spread out from one another is fundamental to our Human Rights as is proper democratic representation which is set out Electoral Acts encompassing the Representation of the Peoples Acts. Simply I argue that it is essential to maintain the status quo and the saying is "if its not broken don't try and fix it" It is not broken - It works very well for this Ward of Powick and has done so for a long time. It should not be encompassed with any Town Ward in any event but if changes are deemed absolutely necessary then perhaps it could be joined with a similar Rural Parish such as Hanley Castle. Nevertheless such a change would in my view simply place an unnecessary extra burden on two excellent Councillors we have and require for such a large rural area which has different important needs in comparison to Town/Urban Areas. If any changes are to be made then I propose a reduction of one Councillor in the Chase Ward as it is small area compared to the rest of the Wards. In closing as I have said I see no need for any change in an area that is predominately an aged population [MHDC Report] higher than Worcestershire and nationwide and to interfere with the "status quo" runs the risk of confusing many people for no reason. [REDACTED]

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None Uploaded