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There is a major problem - I'll put this in separate statements: (i) The area of the TOWN CENTRE streets is in Abbey Ward, please remove the Town Centre from Abbey Ward. (ii) There are many streets around the Town Centre in Smallwood and in parts of Southcrest currently in Central Ward which should be considered to be TOWN CENTRE locations. (iii) Make the Town Centre a separate ward. (iv) Make Batchley and Brockhill a separate ward - and do NOT call it Central! (v) Smalwood and Southcrest boundaries should be re-drawn to form a ward with a completely new name. You must produce far more publicity about these ward changes.

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IF and when the Redditch Borough Council ward boundaries change - even by an adjacent street/road, then the Worcestershire County Councillor election wards (called I think divisions) might get altered, or need changing. I realise that the RBC ward boundaries generally follow the same 'lines' as the WCC divisions - but of course, the WCC divisions are much larger and include two or more RBC wards. In the final proposals, it would be helpful to explain any future changes needed to the WCC divisions - if this is in fact applicable.

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Comments from my colleagues: 1. "It seems absolutely crazy that there'll be a reduction in the number of RBC councillors – at a time when the population of our town is increasing" 2. "IF there is to be a reduction to only 27 councillors there would be a need to re-draw ward boundaries to create as you indicate nine wards with three councillors to represent each ward. " 3. " As we do not have the numbers of electors in each of the areas of Redditch the following [incomplete] IDEAS for possible NEW WARDS IS SOLELY BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF OUR TOWN .. Create nine new wards some with new names: (i) North Ward Areas north of the Coventry Highway, to include areas currently known as Bordesley (Hither Green Lane) and Riverside east of the Birmingham Road. This would include all of Church Hill and most of Moons Moat. (ii) Arrow Valley Park North The area between the Coventry Highway and the Warwick Highway. This would include areas currently known as Lakeside, Lodge Park, Winyates [east + west], and Winyates Green. (iii) Arrow Valley Park South The area south of the Warwick Highway. This would include areas known as Greenlands, Ipsley, Matchborough [east + west], Park farm, Woodrow, Oakenshaw South, Wire Hill, and Washford. (iv) Astwood Bank and Feckenham Probably no or very little change. (v) Batchley and Brockhill Brockhill continues to expand! (vi) Webheath, Callow Hill, Walkwood and Hunt End (vii) Central Ward This should include the area of the Town Centre which is currently in Abbey ward. This new Central Ward should include areas known as Smallwood, Southcrest, Enfield, and possibly also St Georges. St Georges is currently in Lodge Park ward. (viii) South Ward – or a better name! This to include Headless Cross, Crabbs Cross, and Oakenshaw – but not Oakenshaw South WE REALISE THAT THIS IS ONLY EIGHT, NOT NINE. BASED LOOSELY ON GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE TOWN."

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