

## Redditch Borough Council

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As usual, this has the feel of someone in London looking at numbers on a spreadsheet with zero appreciation of or respect for natural communities. Redditch was designed around natural groupings. These proposals destroy that concept. Church Hill lumped in with the people of Abbey who actively dissociate themselves from the estate. Matchborough not even labelled, but lumped in with Greenland's the other side of both a park and an industrial estate. Breaking still further the connection between a recognisable community and any hint of democratic representation. There's more than a hint of gerrymandering about these new boundaries. I doubt that's a justified accusation, but the point is that's how it feels. Democratic accountability and fairness used to be core British values. The fact that supposedly independent civil servants are now actively contributing to the erosion of these values- albeit likely through lack of competence rather than malice- is a tragedy. Drawing boundaries that recognise natural communities should be prioritised over equalising numbers. It's easy in Redditch. The road system draws the boundaries for you. Reduce the number of councillors to two per ward if you have to, but tighten the link between councillors and their representation of a specific community. Of course, that's if you're genuinely interested in making this work for communities. The comments on this promoted Facebook post show that there's very little belief that this is a genuine consultation exercise, no doubt due to number of box ticking exercises where decisions have already been made that we're constantly subjected to. A waste of everybody's time, and a further erosion trust that the country is run to serve the people. Do you actually care about serving this once great country of ours? I guess the answer will be in the results of the new boundaries. If they end up looking like the mess of these proposals, it will be clear that you don't care about the people.

### Uploaded Documents:

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