

Wychavon District Council

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I am generally in support of the proposed changed boundaries and I also support the submissions of Wychavon District Council and Mid-Worcestershire Liberal Democrats. I am particularly impressed with the use of geography (human and physical) to attain the current suggested boundaries. I would like to add some person experience to my support for these proposals. I am particularly keen for Pershore to remain a distinct ward with three councillors. The town is not easily dividable and this proposal has the support of the town council, district councillors who represent the town and the county councillor. The reason for this is because the town has a distinct identity and there is no clear location to divide the town into different wards. Also, the surrounding villages have their own distinct identities and issues, so any attempt to create two, two member wards using other villages is not going to produce a ward that has a clear sense of identity and there will always be the risk that views of the town will become dominant over the villages. The suggestions in the submissions from others that having a three person ward allows some to do less work is unfounded. As the only three member ward in the district, the only people who know what work happens in the ward is these councillors. While having a three member ward comes with it's own challenges, it also has rewards. As representing residents is the priority, this proposal is the best course of action. I also agree with the three member ward in Evesham as well. I would also like to express my personal support for the continuation of the Pinvin ward, which has also been supported by parishes. As the county councillor for the division it is great to have all of the parishes in one ward, which enables me to work with the district councillor and parish councils on individual and collective issues. All parishes face similar problems, especially as they all orbit the local landfill so it is a cohesive unit. I would also like to support the new Drakes Broughton and Peopleton ward. Both villages face Pershore and access services in the town and also work together on some issues. They both have similar issues, especially as the development plan comes into force, and Peopleton is less like the rest of the current Upton Snodsbury ward. Similarly, as the development of Stoulton and Norton with a new town, Stoulton will become less like Drakes Broughton and the two parishes will become very different places. It is therefore a good time to uncouple the tow parishes as they become different communities with a very different focus.

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