

Wychavon District Council

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Whittington Parish Council considered this consultation at their meeting 25/01/22 and resolved to make representations regarding the proposals to divide the current 'Norton & Whittington' ward and to include Whittington in a new 'Whittington & Upton Snodsbury' ward. The Parish Council strongly object to these proposals. It is felt that the current ward boundary with Norton allows considerable synergy, as the issues facing Norton and Whittington are very similar. Both of these parishes have a similar demographic makeup and are geographically very relevant to each other. Both Norton and Whittington have seen a large increase in housing development and whilst this increases the population it does allow the Ward Councillor to focus on similar issues. By contrast, Upton Snodsbury is very rural in nature with a lower population density and more dispersed development, consequently it faces very different local priorities. In order allow more meaningful representation and to strengthen the democratic process it is requested that Whittington and Norton are kept in the same ward. In order to address the growth in electorate for these parishes the ward could be represented by two Councillors, it is understood that this is an arrangement that works successfully in other parts of the district. Whittington Parish Council would like to add that they have been very pleased with the representation that they have received to date from their Ward Councillor.

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