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Proposed inclusion of Church Pulverbatch parish within the Bishop's Castle division

This makes no sense and totally fails to "Create boundaries that are appropriate, and reflect community ties and identities", as required.

I have lived in Bishop's Castle for over ten years and before that I spent 12 years living in Castle Pulverbatch so I have practical knowledge of both. The Church Pulverbatch parish boundary, at the top of Cothercott Hill, lies on the watershed between the Onny Valley, running down towards Bishop's Castle and the feeder streams for the brook that runs towards Stapleton. This natural boundary defines the separation of South Shropshire from Central Shropshire.

When living in Pulverbatch, I journeyed to Bishop's Castle no more than a dozen times - and that was mostly to visit relatives in the hospital. There is no natural or practical connection between the two areas, only a single road with no public transport. The nearest shops were in Longden and Pontesbury but many people simply went directly into Shrewsbury on the bus service which terminated in Castle Pulverbatch. Children went to primary school in Longden, then most mainly to Mary Webb secondary school in Pontesbury. The nearest libraries are at Pontesbury or Church Stretton and I am unaware of anyone visiting the one at Bishop's Castle. The doctor's is in Pontesbury and we had to re-register in Bishop's Castle when we moved there.

It is not in the interest of Pulverbatch or Bishop's Castle to try to force such an ill judged link so please do not do so; leave Church Pulverbatch where it is, looking towards Shrewsbury. This will meet the requirement to "Deliver reviews informed by local needs, views and circumstances", as

required.

Attached Documents:

None attached