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While I understand why the county council have produced the report they have, I would argue that this creates an over-representation of Worcester City and an under-representation of Wychavon. The population of 2029 suggests that Worcester is entitled to 9.48 councillors and Wychavon is entitled to 12.67. Given 0.67 is closer to a whole it makes sense that there are 13 councillors for Wychavon.

Also Wychavon is a rural area. Some of these divisions have 15 parishes. How can a councillor be expected to communicate effectively given the huge stretch of land they need to cover? It makes sense to allow the urban area (Worcester) which has no parishes and therefore fewer meetings, to have one fewer councillor.

There is also a Worcester seat that now crosses the river (called Riverside) which completely lacks any linked identity).

If the boundary commission accepts the suggestion of the county council then I broadly support the Wychavon boundaries but think Wick should be moved into the Broadway division as it makes sense to keep all parishes of the Fladbury Wychavon ward together. Very much support keeping Pershore division together as the four parishes in Pinvin ward work together closely (especially around the landfill), and Pinvin parish is now very closely linked to the town of Pershore, with many of the young people in the north of the town attending St Nicholas School in Pinvin.

Attached Documents:

None attached