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Related subject: Wyre Forest District Council

Proposal to incorporate the Parish of Asteley within the boundaries of Wyre Forest District Council

I am a resident of Areley Kings in Stourport, Worcestershire.

Last month I was at a very well attended public meeting at which the MP for Wyre Forest was present, plus a number of councillors from all parties.

The subject of discussion was the intention of Malvern Hills Council to build 147 houses along the boundary of Areley Kings with the intention to build many hundreds more.

Stourport straddles the Severn with one third of the population living south of the river. Both areas are connected by a bridge. There has been a good deal of newbuild recently in Areley Kings and the bridge is becoming noticeably more congested.

The new building proposed by Malvern Hills would generate intolerable congestion at the bridge whilst placing demands on Stourport medical and school infrastructure which it is ill-equipped to provide.

The conclusion of the meeting was that neither Wyre Forest District Council nor Stourport Town Council had the power to prevent such building. A Malvern Hills councillor attending the event advised us that Malvern Hills had not fulfilled its newbuild quota for the year and was promoting this development as an expedient.

In sum, Wyre Forest District Council and Stourport Town Council will have the responsibility for coping with this unwanted housing expansion without having the power to affect its progress.

The parish of Malvern Hills in which these houses are being built is called Astley. Currently Astley has around 1000 residents and is sparsely populated with few services. I propose that Astley is taken from Malvern Hills and incorporated into WFDC so that the council tax revenues and

council planning responsibility for the newbuild will flow to the council most responsible for the upkeep of public services.

Attached Documents:

None attached