

Gloucestershire

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Dear LGBCE

I am writing a brief message to comment on a very specific part of the Gloucestershire county boundary proposal, i.e. the proposal to move Owlpen Parish into the Wotton under Edge division.

Whilst I understand and support the aims of the overall boundary consultation and fully agree that there needs to be as fair and equal a number of electors per division as possible, I am writing to add my support to Owlpen Parish, who are making the case that Owlpen should stay in the Dursley division. I am the councillor for Dursley Division and I completely agree that there is a very strong community connection between Owlpen and Uley. Separating that connection would be illogical, not only for community connection purposes but also for practical matters, e.g. Highways. I worked closely with Owlpen and Uley over the last two years to improve the dangerous situation on Fiery Lane, which runs between the two villages. We were able to get GCC Highways to install signs warning HGV and other large vehicles to avoid that route. This was not a simple process and it would have been much more complicated if each village were in a different division.

I am hoping an exception can be made to reconsider this move of Owlpen, especially given that the number of electors involved is minute!

Kind regards,
Wendy Thomas

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Attached Documents:

None attached