Worcestershire

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Comment text:

Related subject: Wythall / Alvechurch / Barnt Green / Beoley

I am opposed to the proposal for a two Councillor division for Wythall and the grouping of Wythall with the parishes of Alvechurch, Barnt Green and Beoley.

A key aspect of local democracy is that local people are elected to represent their own local communities, and there is a significant distance between these 4 areas, each of them with their own distinct identity.

Furthermore, I am concerned by the imbalance that a 2 Councillor ward will create. This requirement is very much dependent upon both Councillors cooperating with each other, agreeing on the division of responsibilities and accountability, things which may seem apparent to the elected Councillors, but not in any meaningful sense to the electorate within the ward.

A one Councillor ward creates clear lines of accountability to the electorate as well as clear identifiable responsibilities, whereas a 2 Councillor model can present confusion and uncertainty, even if both elected Councillors happen to actually get along in a cordial manner, which itself cannot be guaranteed.

Additionally, these proposals do not take into account the changing demographics of the areas, so decisions made using current population data and density may well be out of date in a short matter of time, what with the likelihood and propensity for new housing developments within these areas due to a failure by Bromsgrove DC to have developed a robust local plan of housing needs, meaning areas within Bromsgrove are more

likely to be areas to site new developments than other areas within Worcestershire.

I politely request this proposal considers these comments and that a model of electoral accountability is considered more appropriate to the needs of the electorate than a simplistic model based solely on population density.

Attached Documents:

None attached