

Worcestershire

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Comment text:

Related subject: Proposed Harvington Division

I am concerned about the proposed boundary for the Harvington Division of Worcestershire County Council.

The proposed Harvington Division stretches from the village of Cookhill in the north to the centre of Evesham town centre in the south.

It is the inclusion of Evesham's urban town centre within the otherwise rural area which I feel creates a County Division which cannot possibly be managed equitably by one councillor.

The rural communities within this proposed division geographically occupy the majority of the area and are relatively affluent villages and hamlets.

The urban town centre covers a much smaller geographical area and includes a large area of social housing which, according to the 2015 Indices of Multiple Deprivation, ranks lowest in the following deciles:

- Crime
- Living environment
- Education Skills and Training
- Health, deprivation and disability

The proposed Harvington Division contains Evesham's leading high school, a middle school and two primary schools. It also contains many Evesham streets in most need of traffic reform including the High Street corridor and the congested A46.

At the next general election, Evesham will be within the Droitwich and Evesham Parliamentary constituency while the rural part of this proposed division will be in the Redditch Constituency.

My concern is that this proposed County Division is unmanageable by any one county councillor, with the best will in the world, I feel they will have their time torn between these two polar opposite communities which have little in common.

Attached Documents:

None attached