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Related subject: Malvern Town Parish

Malvern Town Council wish to provide a response to the latest draft proposals for new electoral arrangements in Worcestershire. These comments are directed at the proposed changes affecting Town Council wards within Malvern.

Malvern Town Council supports the proposal for changes to St Joseph's Ward, the area of this ward has now been increased to include some of the previous area covered by Link Ward with the effect that St Josephs is no longer a very small, single councillor ward but has been increased to two councillors.

The Town Council also supports the proposal to remove Lygon Ward, also a single councillor ward and from what can be seen from the maps, it is assumed that this area has been now been combined into West Ward and St Joseph's Ward.

These changes, as proposed by the Boundary Commission, are welcomed by the Town Council as they remove or combine two very tiny and single councillor wards which had been created in 2023.

However, with the changes outlined above, the Town Council have concerns about the final and remaining single councillor ward within Malvern Town which is now Pound Bank. The Town Council feel that with twenty councillors within Malvern Town, there should not be any single town councillor wards. The Town Council would like to recommend that a further amendment be made to the boundaries between Pound Bank Ward and Chase Ward in order that the area of Pound Bank ward be increased, and another councillor allocated to this ward (taking it from one parish councillor to two) and that a corresponding decrease to the area and number of councillors is made within Chase Ward (taking it from four parish councillors to three.)

Attached Documents:

None attached