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Related subject: Evesham and Harvington

We are opposed to the proposal to include most of Evesham Town Centre within Harvington District. Please see attached document

Attached Documents:

- response-lgbc-report-wcc.docx

Response to Local Government Boundary Commission Proposals

Worcestershire County Council Divisions

Mid Worcestershire and the Vale Green Party does not support the proposed boundary changes in respect of Harvington Division.

The proposed boundary changes to Harvington Division would result in the Town Centre area and parks of Evesham being included in a primarily rural division. Evesham's needs are very different to Harvington and other villages including Inkberrow.

It is likely that the many issues that Evesham Town Centre faces would not be met by being represented by a Councillor also representing a largely rural area. One or other area would be likely be neglected. The town has significant issues that need the County Council, the District Council and Evesham Town Council to work together on. This connection is likely to be diluted should the proposals go ahead.

It is stated in the Boundary Commission report that Harvington has links with Evesham. This is only in terms of the villagers making use of the facilities available in Evesham. Not in terms of the two working together. There is no particular interaction between the two and this is even less so with places such as Inkberrow.

It is noted that the Boundary Commission has been happy to accept variances of 14% in Pershore Division and 11% in Bredon, Broadway and Littletons Division.

The group suggests that the variance for Evesham also be accepted on the basis of retaining Community Identity and helping the Council to deliver effective and convenient local government.

We ask that the Local Government Boundary Commission reconsider its proposals and helps to ensure that Evesham Town Centre is represented by a Councillor who wholly concentrates upon Evesham.