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Related subject: Alvechurch

I strongly disagree with the grouping of Alvechurch and Wythall as a ward. The two communities lack connectivity and indeed are separated significantly by both a main highway and extensive green belt. There are few synergies between the two areas in terms of community attributes and there are few social links between the two.

The proposal seems to arbitrarily group together two wards on simple arithmetic of electorate, however even this is tenuous as the proposal remains 6% away from the average electorate figure.

Give that set out, it would be extremely difficult for an elected member to effectively represent both communities, and would like lead to an artificial split of representation and duties between councillors.

Whilst two single member wards would be appropriate, a more natural ward would be Alvechurch and Beacon, where there are at least tangible community and social links such as community groups and services.

Attached Documents:

None attached