

# Worcestershire

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Hi

Re the draft proposals in the Worcester area of the Worcestershire review:

\* St Nicholas & Leopard Hill:

This division should be called Warndon Villages. The Leopard Hill area off Newtown Road has been transferred to Nunnery in the draft proposals so it would be confusing to use the name Leopard Hill for a division not containing this area.

The name Warndon Villages is locally understood to refer to 95% of the homes in the draft ward (everything other than the area immediately off Tolladine Road in the northwest of the division). If the division boundary was extended to the parish boundary or even to be coterminous with St Nicholas & Leopard Hill wards, Warndon Villages would still be the most sensible name as 85%+ of the properties would be in the area locally understood to be Warndon Villages.

Warndon Villages is a clearly understood local community as evidenced by road signs and the local community Facebook group with over 4000 members. Evidence attached.

\*Gorse Hill & Warndon

This division is coterminous with Warndon & Elbury Park ward and should therefore be called Warndon & Elbury Park division.

#### \* Rainbow Hill

If this ward is to be coterminous with Rainbow Hill and Fort Royal wards, it should be called Rainbow Hill & Fort Royal to reflect both communities.

The draft proposals on the west side of Worcester are unsatisfactory. The 4 wards are split across three divisions with no ward being coterminous with a division. The Riverside division is a very tortured shape with the Monarch Drive area in the north having no meaningful shared community with the Cherry Orchard area in the south.

It is possible to configure the draft divisions of Riverside, St John and Bedwardine differently to better achieve the commission's objective.

1. Riverside - formed of Cathedral ward plus polling districts C2 and C5 of Lower Wick & Pitmaston ward. This ward still crosses the river but is now compact. It contains the river Teme as well as the River Severn, reinforcing its riverside nature and the shared community interests this creates. It is joined by the Diglis Bridge, a popular walking and cycling bridge at the heart of the division.

2. St John's - formed of St John's ward and St Clement's ward. This area is one community with many shared interests, including proximity to the university and the unique community issues that go with that. The boundary between the two wards is fairly weak so it makes sense for a division to cross this boundary.

3. Bedwardine - formed of Dines Green & Groves Farm ward and the remainder of Lower Wick & Pitmaston ward.

It is possible that this configuration may result in a Bedwardine division which is slightly below the LGBCE desired variances. If so, this can be improved by moving the boundary between Bedwardine and Riverside south in polling district C2. Using either Whites Road or Bromwich Road as the boundary would provide a strong boundary while leaving the Lower Wick community in tact within Riverside.

This is far more coterminous and so better respects the communities that these wards reflect.

PS - polling district C1 would need to move to Bedwardine division.

## **Attached Documents:**

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- 3.jpg
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Warndon Villages Co...



# Warndon Villages Community Group >

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