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Related subject: Riverside (east side)

I am very disappointed to see that the Commission wants to keep the Riverside Division which ties 2 (now 3) totally separate wards divided by the river. Of course the County Council does deal with Social Services and Strategic Planning and a much larger area than the city of Worcester, but the east-side part of Riverside contains the Hive. More importantly, the County Cllr. is responsible for street lighting, drain cleaning, and highways-repair of potholes and unsafe pavements affecting a large number of people in a circumscribed local area and people want to go to a local person knowing the area. The present County Cllr. happens to be the Council Leader who lives on the west-side but even he is not well known on the east-side (he represents St. Clement Ward on the west-side on the City Council). Moreover, after May next year based on his personal decision whether to continue (he has been leader for 8 years) or on the voters' decision, even that may well disappear. Cathedral and St. Clement have nothing in common. If the next County councillor lives on the west-side, the situation will still be the same. The river divides communities. It does not unite them. A more logical 'Riverside' would unite parts of the east-side into one or parts of the west-side into one. I hope the Commission will think again.

Attached Documents:

None attached