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Leominster changed dramatically at the last Boundary Review, from 2 wards returning 2 members each, to 4 single member wards. Changing to 4 single member wards was a good thing, seeking to deliver electoral equality. However the pattern of wards does not reflect the interests and identities of the local communities.

Leominster North and Rural is 99% rural parishes, but two medium housing estates in the town have been added to it. Ridgemoor estate is one of the most deprived LSOA's in the country and has nothing in common with the other villages and rural parishes.

Monkland is a small rural parish that has been added to Leominster South but is perhaps better suited to being in the adjacent rural Arrow ward rather than in a market town ward.

Ongoing housing growth in Leominster has concentrated in Leominster West (Barons Cross / Cholstrey Road) and Town Centre (infilling plots and upper floor conversions above retail).

There are planning applications being considered now for proposed growth of circa 1650 dwellings in Leominster South in line with the Core Strategy, the county development plan.

The splitting of streets through the town centre between two and in one case three wards (at Bargates) is confusing.

Given the growth of Leominster and some of the adjoining parishes, can electoral equality now be delivered in a more sensitive way that respects the identity and interests of the town and parish of Leominster. Particularly across Leominster North and Leominster West.

Attached Documents:

None attached