

Malvern Hills District Council

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I am pleased to see that Holt has been included in the proposed Baldwin ward. It is clear to me that Holt has much more alignment and ties with the wards further north in Baldwin given it flanks the river Severn, they share similar issues that I and many residents believe are more closely related to the other Baldwin wards as opposed to Hallow which is semi-rural and on the fringe of Worcester City. Holt is also a rural parish as is the rest of Baldwin so the previous proposal was not well aligned. The currently proposed Broadheath ward is substantial in size and has a high increase in population with a 23% variance in population in 2027 whilst Martley has a -10% variance. Speaking to a number of parishioners in Wichenford and Kenswick, which is one of the most rural parishes in my Division and without a shop, school etc., there is a strong feeling that they are much more closely aligned to Martley, sharing schools, doctors, shops and leisure facilities, clubs etc.. For a similar reason to Holt this urban parish doesn't feel that it should look East towards the City and urban expansion but more West towards Martley where there are many more ties. If this were possible it might also reduce the population of the Broadheath ward which is forecast to be larger than average and add population to Martley which is forecast to be underpopulated on average.

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