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Dear Sir,

Purpose of My Letter

I am writing to express concern at the draft recommendations for Malvern Hills District Council, specifically the proposal to include Queenhill and Holdfast in a ward with Ripple and Bushley.

Absence of Ties to Ripple

There are similarities in the nature of Queenhill with Holdfast; Bushley; and Ripple and they are close on a map. Indeed, we can see St Mary's Church, Ripple from our house in Queenhill. However, it cannot be stressed enough that the River Severn and M50 motorway represent significant barriers to travel. In practice, Ripple is a distant community with neither community ties nor administrative links to Queenhill and Holdfast. Furthermore, the barrier of the M5 motorway means there are not significant links between Bushley and Queenhill with Holdfast.

Strength of Ties to Longdon

Queenhill and Holdfast have deep community ties to Longdon, the civil parish of which is jointly administered with Queenhill and Holdfast. Longdon is where our vicar lives and where the local primary school was until 2011. It is where the residents of Queenhill and Holdfast vote in local and national elections. The practical proximity of Longdon and the civil and ecclesiastical links mean that Queenhill and Holdfast have significant community and administrative ties to Longdon civil parish.

Proposal

The electoral roll of Queenhill with Holdfast is only 90 and so our impact on ward size variances is limited. The proposals would badly affect administrative arrangements, particularly those for elections. They also do not reflect community ties. Given this, I propose that Queenhill and Holdfast should be retained in the Longdon Ward.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my response to this consultation.

Yours faithfully,
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