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Why have we not officially been told of this proposed change and the consultation. Everyone , I think, in Upper Welland was informed by post of a proposed road closure on the A449. I would not have know about the proposed change nor about this consultation without the local grapevine. There must still be residents who will be affected but who have not been informed, so are unable to comment. This proposed boundary change would deny us the right to vote for those 'governing' Malvern Wells , where we live, instead offering us the right to vote for councillors representing Longdon area, whose priority should be centred on a community physically and community-wise separate from Malvern Wells and Upper Welland. Upper Welland is , in fact, an essential part of Malvern Wells and we know that the Malvern Wells elected representatives regard Upper Welland as part of their remit The Longdon councillors cannot be expected to have the same commitment to a village arbitrarily added to their community, where no natural links exist and where they are not known , as are the current Malvern Wells councillors.. Upper Welland , while being historically a separate village, has strong community as well as physical links with Malvern Wells. Such links do not exist between Upper Welland and the communities of Longdon and Welland. It is apparent that in terms of every day needs UW has evolved to become a part of MWells village, with shared facilities and vested interests. As such it makes sense they should share all the same Councillors. - MWells and UW fall under the same Conservation Area and MHT jurisdiction and so benefit in terms of MHT's voting rights and car park passes. However it appears that if the proposed electoral boundary change were to be implemented the residents of UW would lose their MHT benefits but still have to pay the levy. As evidence of that Upper Welland and St Wulstans are part of Malvern Wells. 1. ,our children can walk to the school that they attend (the Primary School on the Wells Road). 2 We are part of the community that uses the parish hall on the Wells Road. 3 We also rely on Malvern Wells for shops and garage . 4 Our voting station is the village hall in Malvern Wells. 5. St Wulstans nature reserve in Upper Welland is maintained by Malvern Wells, and is an excellent facility much used by the residents of Malvern Wells and Upper Welland. If it is just a small nature reserve on the edge of the Longdon area it might not receive the care and attention it still needs. 6.. . The footpaths officers, who care for the foot paths , cover paths in Malvern Wells and in Upper Welland, but not in Welland.. I cannot see the logic of denying us the right to vote for those who will affect the life of this village and instead giving us a vote for those whose care should be for communities with whom we have no community links. The only link seems to be the fact that both we are rural communities

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