

Malvern Hills District Council

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Comment text:

Parish Councillors for Severn Stoke and Croome d'Abitot fully support the ward boundary proposals for Kempsey Ward, which would retain two district councillors under these plans. The current arrangements work very well for our rural community and allow significant sharing of resources with all the communities along the River Severn. For example, the sharing of district cllrs for Kempsey and Severn Stoke parishes means that communities that live with the annual threat of flooding benefit from similar experience, expertise and local knowledge. Our quest to get the flood defences completed at Severn Stoke village is not yet over - it is of vital importance that Severn Stoke continues to be 'pared' with Kempsey and Earls Croome in order that our district cllrs (present and future) can amalgamate and coordinate our efforts. Disappointed that communities north of Worcester (nb existing Hallow Ward) appear to be offered boundary proposals that they did not request or endorse in previous rounds of the consultation. Please visit the existing Hallow ward for a closer look at the rural circumstances for Grimley, Hallow and Holt prior to final decision. Hallow, Holt and Grimley are communities similar to Severn Stoke in that they are riverside parishes experiencing annual flooding. This threat will only increase with climate change. It is important therefore that these areas are correctly represented at district level in a combined single ward in order that local challenges can be properly tackled by shared cllr/s.

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