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My comments are in regard to the proposed changes for Drakes Broughton & Wadborough and Pirton (DBWP), Western Wychavon pages 2-4 of the Further Draft Recommendations report. I believe the prior public comments about the ward are not strictly correct, as the current ward, which (with the exception of Stoulton's current inclusion) reflects the parish boundaries for DBWP, has been painted as a semi urban area - this is in particular context to Drakes Broughton "described as a small town". Whilst the village of Drakes Broughton has grown recently in line with the SWDP, it is its amenities that have supported this as a category 2 village and therefore it is still a village within the parish. The remainder of the DBWP parish is largely rural, with large expanses of woodland and farmland, and therefore a lot of its residents would view this as such whilst living within these boundaries and I believe would largely, reflect the views of others within the ward in terms of the electoral role (it's actually more akin to Peopleton and surrounding area, albeit Drakes Broughton is a larger settlement). If the ward were to be amended to include Norton Juxta Kempsey and Whittington, I do not believe that there is the same community identity or aspirations across these areas which are closer to the city, have large transport connections/hubs and are, in the main developed (or are planned to be developed under the SWDP currently under review). The plans for these two parishes are to be truly semi-urban in due course and I do not feel that representations made in Norton Juxta Kempsey and Whittington would reflect the needs or wants of the residents of the DBWP parish, as what I see as rural and how it should be represented. It should also be noted, that the parish has fully considered their vision within their own Neighbourhood planning and there is a general sense of community across these three villages that sit within the parish, which regularly pull together their resources. Lastly, I actually think that the current ward, which includes Stoulton, should remain as the current boundary, as whilst acknowledging the prior comment about "Drakes Broughton, the larger settlement would receive a greater amount of resource and time from the elected councillor", (and acknowledging that this is a ward/not parish council boundary review)), I believe Stoulton will have benefitted from being represented by the same councillor as its larger neighbouring parish and would benefit from continued support to the same and from its residents/resources of the parish. None the same, should Stoulton still feature in the DBWP ward or not, I don't want to see the ward include Norton Juxta Kempsey and Whittington, for the reasons above and so that there is consistency and no dilution.

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