

## Mansfield, Simon

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Doverdale Park currently comes under the Hampton Lovett ward and has done so for many years. However, we have recently been made aware of proposed boundary changes to create a new ward of Droitwich West, also to include Westlands estate and some of Droitwich Central.

The park is in a semi-rural area, housing a large proportion of retired and elderly people. It provides a relatively peaceful, slower pace of life - one of the main reasons why we live there. We very much value, and identify with, the rural area in which we live, rather than the urban area of Westlands and Droitwich.

We also feel it is very important to keep the green belt divide between Hampton Lovett and Droitwich, as did the planning officers when the proposed housing estate on the adjacent field was refused. This almost certainly would not have happened if we had been in the designated urban area, rather than the rural one.

Becoming a part of the Droitwich urban area will have the following additional implications:-

1. New Planning Applications (the adjacent field)
2. New Rates of Council Tax
3. Less Council Representation (from 7 down to 2)

The reduced number of councillors would also represent a political party, unlike our own non-political parish councillors. We would lose direct access to the County Council and District Council representatives who currently attend the parish council.

Our 'voice' would be lost within the 26 members of the District Council. This would be important when they discuss planning applications, such as for the adjacent field.

We feel a strong separation from Droitwich as our parish includes woodland, St Mary's Hampton Lovett church (attended by Park residents) and a village hall, used for a wide variety of events, such as parties, DPRA Christmas Parties and AGMs, Harvest Festival/Supper, defibrillator training

Being surrounded by woodland and pastures, we enjoy unspoilt views. We moved here to 'live in the country'. The Parish Council influences all our issues such as:

- a. Speed cameras
- b. Bus stops
- c. Village Hall

Our control of these facilities would be drastically reduced.

We should remember that Doverdale Park was once just that, a PARK. I came here myself over 5 years ago to live in the country NOT in the town, and that's what I identify with.

Other amenities include the Post Office, Tea Rooms and Shop at Cutnall Green, Chequers and Entouraj (restaurants) and local farm shops and, of course, Kidderminster.

I totally disagree with the Boundary Commissions proposal

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