

Wychavon District Council

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Comment on boundaries for Pershore Ward The original proposals for Pershore were appropriate and retained a single ward dedicated to the interests of the town. The original proposal for Wick was also acceptable, keeping the village linked to other similar villages. The current proposal to add the village of Wick to Pershore is not in the interests of either Pershore Town, or Wick. To add a village settlement to an existing 3 member ward which focuses on the Town of Pershore is unacceptable. The population of Wick is less than 5% of Pershore Town, so the village will always lose out in terms of ward member time/ representation compared to the town. District Councillors have a natural link to Pershore Town Council, which would dominate over the much smaller Wick Parish Council. Development issues in the north of Pershore have dominated casework for district councillors in recent years and this is projected to continue. By contrast, Wick is unlikely to receive significant development pressure. The County Council Division of Pershore does not include Wick - again, the focus of the Division is to the north of Pershore, not the south. Whilst geographically next to each other there is limited community connection, the issues that the residents of Wick face as a village community are significantly different to those of the residents of Pershore. By contrast, Wick shares common interests with other villages in the Pershore hinterland. There are no advantages to the proposal to include Wick in Pershore Ward, apart from slightly improving the numerical fit with commission targets. Adding Wick to Pershore Ward would imbalance a ward that has a single and clear focus, i.e. Pershore Town. The original proposals for Pershore are within the limits set by the commission and should be confirmed. Comment on Drakes Broughton While subject to significant growth in recent years, Drakes Broughton has retained its village identity. It "looks" to Pershore, not to Norton and Whittington, both of which "look" to Worcester. The original proposals to link Drakes Broughton with Peopleton in a single member ward are preferable to the current proposals.

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