

Wychavon District Council

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Comment text:

I am a long-term resident of Wick, having lived here for 47 years. I have served on the Parish Council for 12 years, and have always been an active member of village societies. At the moment I am secretary of one village group and one village charity. I am disturbed by the proposals being put forward, to change the Ward to which Wick belongs, from Fladbury to Pershore. It would seem that the Boundary Commission is carrying out an exercise to get equal numbers of residents per Councillor in all Wards, that is, equal representation. Wick is a small village with rural concerns. Our population is approximately one twentieth the size of ever-expanding Pershore. Should we be put into Pershore Ward, the councillors representing us will have town needs as their prime concern, with Wick problems would likely not being truly appreciated or represented. The major concerns of our village are problems such as the bus service, the closing down of facilities in our village, rural housing, the maintaining of the character of our village, and so on. Pershore has totally different urban needs, and it is on those that Councillors would appreciate and concentrate, especially as the likelihood is that Councillors would live in Pershore and so understand their requirements. Our natural grouping is with other similar sized rural communities whose problems and needs are so similar to those of Wick. Our Councillor is able to concentrate on, and specialise in, rural affairs. We are used to having a District Councillor who lives in our community, who understands our rural community, and is readily available to discuss and hopefully resolve our village needs. Please see the sense in leaving us as we are, part of a rural Ward. Do not allow us to be swamped by Pershore Town, and our village needs to be lost in the size of Pershore Town. ,

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