

# Worcester

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## Comment text:

Dear Sir/Madam

We fully support this proposal as it will introduce an updated map much better based on the natural communities in this area. In particular, the proposed replacement of the Bedwardine Ward has the advantage of producing two new geographically compact entities each containing recognizable and natural communities.

Bedwardine Ward has now reached the maximum number of residents it can reasonably service even for a 3-Member Ward and the significant on-going population growth in the University Park Drive area, already on the edge of the current Ward, has enlarged Bedwardine Ward – both geographically and in number of voters - such that its component communities are now so spread out that it lacks any overall coherence or community of interest as one entity, both geographically and as a community. The Grove Farm area, for example, has increasingly tenuous links with the rest of the Ward given its geographical remoteness, and is well beyond walking distance from both the rest of the Ward and the built-up centre of the Ward, with one tenuous bus service connection, and no rail service. It therefore seems that a division into 2-Member Wards is an inevitability whose time has now come.

The boundary of the new proposed Lower Wick and Pitmaston Ward is a sensible rationalization of the current 3-Member Ward and, most importantly, incorporates a clearly identified community with which residents are already familiar and comfortable. The proposal brings together two communities which already form one clear entity together. The name of Bedwardine has become increasingly unconnected and meaningless

for the existing communities within its current boundaries so the new proposed name for a 2-Member Ward is a great improvement for local residents (and others outside) who can henceforth properly and accurately identify the area.

However, one improvement to the proposal would be to leave in the proposed new Ward two small sections on the edge, namely The Avenue and the quadrangle of Alexander Road/Ellis Road/Withers Road/Homefield Road. These two little areas containing no more than some 100 voters, form a natural part of the Lower Wick/Pitmaston area, and these residents look to it as their community. As they are already on the geographical edge of the proposal, they could easily be left within their natural community without in any way compromising the integrity and size of the new proposals.

Again, the new proposed 2-Member Ward of Dines Green and Grove Farm, also has the distinct improvement of common-sense and geographical contiguity in this more western part of the area, bringing together two communities in a more rational entity.

Yours sincerely

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on behalf of Worcester Conservative Association

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*