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Looking at the draft proposals i am very sad to see Westbury moving from the Loton Division and the communities it has historically been associated with as part of the wider Shrewsbury area and the Shrewsbury and Atcham Constituency. However I recognise the need to increase the number of residents in the Chirbury and Worthen Division and adding the electoral ward of Westbury seems to be the only way of doing this. I would suggest however that the the name of this division is Chirbury and Westbury to reflect the largest communities either end of the division.

The feeling locally is that the Yockleton electoral ward remains part of the Loton Division as it has strong links with other communities towards Shrewsbury including those of Alberbury and Cardeston.

I would support the inclusion of Ford Parish within the Loton Division as it was historically part of the same Division as Alberbury and Cardeston historically. There are a number of strong links including roads, transport, services, school catchment and the sharing of a vicar. It would also go some way to unite to dispersed community of Fords Heath.

Likewise i would support the inclusion of Bicton Rural Ward into Loton should this be considered, Bicton has always historically been associated with the division, it would also bring together the split community of Montford Bridge. This is a solution which is supported by both Bicton Parish Council, Ford parish Council and Montford Parish Council as well as Shropshire Council. This would mean that Ford remains with Longden and Bictorn would not join Longden but join Loton.

It has also been suggested to me by resident that the communities which boarder Loton (Myton, Forton and Grafton) those around the River Perry should also join the Loton Division. If you look at the map of the proposed Tern Division it is a bubble which stick into the Loton on the extreme west. There are many local connections and the communities look to Bicton and Montford Bridge for services and there general identity.

The name should remain as Loton

Many Thanks
Ed Potter

Attached Documents:

None attached