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Dear Sirs,

**The Local Government Boundary Commission review – Malvern Hills District Council**  
**Further draft recommendations of June 2022.**

I am a District Councillor for Malvern Hills District Council representing the Ward of Lindridge in the north of the District. I am writing in respect of the latest review documentation published in June 2022 regarding the revision of the electoral Ward is within the Malvern Hills District Council area.

I have studied the report in detail and have had several meetings with other councillors both within my party, the Conservative party and others as well as a formal review of the report by the Council's Corporate Governments sub-committee.

Though generally the members of the Council would prefer a single member Ward's for accountability purposes and I personally continue to represent a single member Ward. It would seem that the report now provided and placed on the table for our further comment and consideration would be an effective and appropriate compromise and is indeed better than the previous report submitted by the Boundary Commission.

I therefore, urge the Commission to complete their further consideration of the work and propose the revision of the electoral Ward's as per this report and to issue the necessary orders that this is put into place as soon as possible, bearing in mind the District Council has an election scheduled for May 2023.

I would ask the Boundary Commission to note that the Council membership is now smaller than that has ever been and there is an increasing concern that there is a democratic deficit which is lamentable, the increased Wards place us as members further away from our electorate and though the exercise was entirely based on a commercial approach of being cost effective; there does become a case where the Council would be ineffective in representing the electorate and the members of our parishes even if they do not vote. I make this comment in passing.

Yours sincerely,

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