

Telford and Wrekin Borough Council

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As a resident of Sutton Hill and a Trustee of the Sutton Hill Community Trust, I feel strongly about the proposed changes to the Madeley and Sutton Hill ward proposed by the LGBCE. I have lived on Sutton Hill since 1978 and I have seen the demise of the estate. Ranging from lack of local services (i.e. access to frequent public transport), lack of readily accessible and ethical retail providers, and the demise of local say in matters that affect residents of the estate. Reducing the number of councillors from three to one will impact this further at the detriment of the residents. Doing this could make all residents on the estate even more isolated and therefore being pushed further away from having their voices heard. Sutton Hill is historically known for having many social issues such as: Poverty; Unemployment; Health inequalities; Social and relative deprivation; Limited access to shopping facilities; Housing inequalities (I.e. exploitation by rogue landlords); and Anti-Social Behaviour. As a member of the Community Trust we are working closely with the Councillors to tackle the aforementioned social issues. The grants received by the Councillors and Council have been essential in supporting the community. Reducing the number of Councillors will have a detrimental effect on the financial support to the community of Sutton Hill and furthering that view that Sutton Hill is not worth the investment, thus continuing to diminish the voice of the people especially since the estate was the first one in the Borough. We were the first estate in the new town and are now perceived last for investment in the Borough. Reducing the number of councillors will continue this trend which has been identified by people as young as 13 years of age. This perception of having no voice is felt across all ages and the proposed changes will only add to this perception.

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