

Malvern Hills District Council

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Abberley Parish Council submission on ward boundary review Autumn 2021 Our initial reaction to Ward boundary alterations and the proposal for change to two member wards is : "If it ain't broken, why try to fix it?". As far as we are concerned in a rural parish the current arrangement of one Councillor for our ward works very well. We feel well represented by our Councillor and would not wish to see his (her for other wards) attention diluted by having more councils to cover, which of course would also entail extra time travelling between parishes. Being served by one Councillor, as a Parish Council we are confident that our he (she) is accountable for a small local grouping of parishes with similar social and economic needs, he (she) will be as familiar as possible with each parish and holds personal concern for its needs. Inevitably by spreading the Councillor more thinly, albeit representing a similar per head constituency, the individual will have less opportunity to personally integrate with each parish due to having to represent a larger number of more diverse parishes. We can see no gain by being in an expanded two member ward, in fact the reverse. Personal relationships at this level is paramount to successful local government, we would strongly urge therefore, in view of the above, that no change be made, understanding of course that circumstances for urban wards may be different. An arrangement of 'one size fits all' is not in the best interest of local government.

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