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Sent: 07 August 2022 22:18
To: reviews
Subject: Objection to changes to the Ward of Bowers Hill on the latest Wychavon consultation document
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Categories: Submissions, [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs,

As residents of Bowers Hill, Badsey we are very upset to see that our Community Identity is being compromised on the latest consultation document from Wychavon District Council concerning the boundary changes.

After studying the documentation from January 2022 and the latest documentation issued in July, we are very worried to see a change without any consultation with residents! In the January documentation Bowers Hill is a ward of Badsey however, in the July 2022 documentation Bowers Hill ward has now disappeared and is to be swallowed up into Badsey village. Taking this action will mean that Bowers Hill loses its community identity, regardless of the many years it has been an independent electoral hamlet!

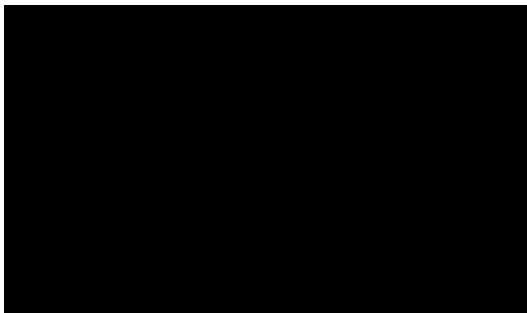
Badsey is three miles away from some houses in the hamlet so could you please explain to us why this change is occurring? Also why such changes are being implemented without any consultation whatsoever with the residents of Bowers Hill?

During the previous consultation a number of residents from Bowers Hill requested that the hamlet be transferred into Wickhamford because we share much more community identity with this village. It is next to our hamlet, we share refuse collectors, delivery of post, we have worked with Cllr Liz Eyre on various traffic issues with successful outcomes. Has this new development of quietly absorbing our hamlet/ward been done to prevent this in the future? Is this because it makes sense to others as well as residents? Are local councillors working to their own agenda?

It is still our wish to be part of the Wickhamford community. However, if this is not the case Bowers Hill must be allowed to keep its own identity, and remain a ward of Badsey with its own Electoral area prefix ABD.

Bowers Hill has been an electoral ward of Badsey for many decades, with a very proud history and generations of local families have grown up here. I know for a fact Bowers Hill has been an electoral ward because I have worked on local elections at the Badsey Polling station numerous times.

We would like to invite a representative from the LGBC to meet residents to discuss our worries, and resolve this issue. We look forward to hearing from you.



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 August 2022 13:37
To: reviews
Subject: FW: LGBC Review Bowers Hill, Badsey

Categories: Submissions, [REDACTED]

Hi all – can we treat this as a submission for Wychavon?

Any problems, let me know?

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 August 2022 13:18
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: LGBC Review Bowers Hill, Badsey

Dear [REDACTED],

I have spoken with Vic Allison Chief Executive from Wychavon today concerning our worries that Bowers Hill may lose our electoral ward status.

As residents of Bowers Hill, Badsey we are very upset to see that our Community Identity is being compromised on the latest consultation document from Wychavon District Council concerning the boundary changes.

After studying the documentation from January and the latest documentation issued in July it is very worrying that Bowers Hill is a ward of Badsey in the January documentation, but in the July documentation Bowers Hill ward disappears and is swallowed up into Badsey village which is up to three miles away from some houses in the hamlet. All without consultation with any residents of Bowers Hill. This action therefore means that Bowers Hill loses its community identity, regardless of the many years it has been an independent electoral hamlet!

How can this be allowed to happen without a proper consultation with residents?

During the previous consultation a number of residents from Bowers Hill requested that the hamlet be transferred into Wickhamford because we share much more community identity with this village. It is next to our hamlet, we share refuse collectors, delivery of post, we have worked with Liz Eyre on various traffic issues with successful outcomes.

Has this new development of quietly absorbing our hamlet/ward been done to prevent this in the future? Is this because it makes sense to others as well as residents? Are local councillors working to their own agenda?

Bowers Hill has been an electoral ward of Badsey for many decades, with a very proud history and generations of local families have grown up here.

We are a rural hamlet not a village.

We have our own Bowers Hill Beats Crime What's App Group where we continually work with the local Police to avert/solve crime issues, eg , hare/deer coarsing, fly tipping, thefts etc.

We have our own Bowers Hill Community What's App Group where we support residents all year round. Especially in times of flood.

We have our own Bowers Hill Neighbourhood Watch Group

We have our own mini festival Bowers Hillbillies scarecrow festival

Bowers Hill Remembers at Remembrance where every house puts out a wooden cross with a poppy on.

Badsey have none of these things to offer us.

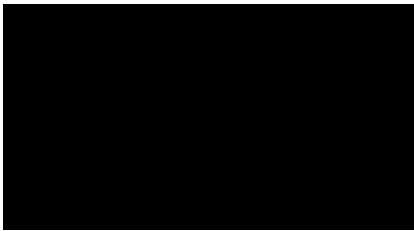
Also, we do not want to lose our ability to vote for our own Councillor who understands the area where we live. If we are linked with Badsey this will not be the case.

It is still our wish to be part of the Wickhamford community under the District Council boundary review. However, if this is not the case Bowers Hill must be allowed to keep its own identity, and remain a ward of Badsey with its own Electoral area prefix ABD.

We would like to invite a representative from the LGBC to meet residents to discuss our worries, and resolve this issue.

We look forward to hearing from you by return.

Many thanks.



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99 Under the 2009 Act we only have the power to make changes to parish electoral arrangements where these are as a direct consequence of our recommendations for principal authority warding arrangements. However, Wychavon District Council has powers under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to conduct community governance reviews to effect changes to parish electoral arrangements.

100 As a result of our proposed ward boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Badsey & Aldington, Droitwich Spa, Evesham, Hampton Lovett & Westwood, and South Lenches.

101 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for the grouped parishes of Badsey & Aldington parish.

Draft recommendations

Badsey & Aldington Parish Council should comprise 13 councillors, as at present, representing five wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Aldington Village	1
Badsey	9
Blackminster	1
Bowers Hill	1
Orchards	1

102 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Droitwich Spa parish.

Draft recommendations

Droitwich Spa Town Council should comprise 18 councillors, as at present, representing seven wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Droitwich Central	1
Droitwich Chawson	2
Droitwich Copcut	3
Droitwich East	4
Droitwich Tagwell	2
Droitwich West	4
Droitwich Witton	2

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46 Under the 2009 Act we only have the power to make changes to parish electoral arrangements where these are as a direct consequence of our recommendations for principal authority warding arrangements. However, Wychavon Borough Council has powers under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to conduct community governance reviews to effect changes to parish electoral arrangements.

47 As a result of our proposed ward boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Badsey & Aldington, Broadway and Evesham parish councils.

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Further draft recommendations

Badsey & Aldington Parish Council should comprise 13 councillors, as at present, representing four wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Aldington Village	1
Badsey	10
Blackminster	1
Orchards	1

49 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Broadway parish.

Further draft recommendations

Broadway Parish Council should comprise 13 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Broadway North	2
Broadway Village	11

50 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Evesham parish.