

Councillor Rob Adams

I have been a District Councillor for the ward of Norton and Whittington since 1999 and was a County Councillor for Upton Snodsbury Division from 2005 until retiring in May 2021. In that time I have experienced both Ward and Divisional changes to which I make the following comments:

Providing Parishes are not split they will rise to the challenges of new ward arrangements. With this in mind the proposed Norton & Stoulton and Whittington together with the new Ward Parishes of Upton Snodsbury area are a realistic option. Although I have been a Councillor for a long time I am not, and never have been, against change. Carefully thought out change should be embraced not dismissed.

As a District Councillor I have always served on the Planning Committee and at County I chaired the Planning Committee seeing many changes within the District and County. Looking forward in planning terms I would like you to consider the effect of the emerging South Worcestershire Development Plan review especially with the new Parkway settlement in mind. I believe there will be a new settlement and representatives of the Parishes of Norton, Whittington, Stoulton and Drakes Broughton are currently coming together at liaison meetings where one of the main questions is infrastructure, especially road infrastructure. The roads around the proposed site mainly fall within the Parishes of Norton, Stoulton, Whittington and Spetchley.

Norton, Whittington and Drakes Broughton have seen many changes in recent years with increased house building. It is well established as a popular area in which to live, work and invest being close to Junction 7 of the M5, the Parkway Station and not forgetting its closeness to the faithful City of Worcester where I was born. I have lived in the Upton Snodsbury Ward at White Ladies Aston for the past 53 years.

Looking forward I believe there is a case to consider again a two member Ward for the proposed Norton and Stoulton with the very large proposed area Ward of Whittington and Upton Snodsbury. Working together they will embrace the future of the area and the future challenges that will arise.

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