

## Wychavon District Council

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### Comment text:

Attached a counter proposal for the boundaries of the proposed Evesham South ward by Mid Worcestershire & the Vale Green Party

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## **Justification for 2 Counter proposals for Evesham South new ward boundaries**

### **Proposal 1**

We support the proposal made by Wychavon District Council that:-

In respect of the proposed border between the new Evesham South and The Hamptons wards, it is suggested that the Fairfield area (including part of Fairfield Road, Fairfield Place, Orchard Walk, Hemmingway, Isbourne Crescent) off Cheltenham Road be reallocated to the Evesham South ward from The Hamptons ward and the Thistledown estate area further south to be reallocated to The Hamptons ward from the Evesham South ward.

The current LGBCE proposal would sever an identifiable community in the Fairfield Road area containing a through route and services for the wider community whereas the Thistledown area only has a road connection with Cheltenham Road. The proposal could also remove the need to have the 'Hospital' parish ward. The houses on Fairfield Road, Fairfield Place, Hemmingway and Isbourne Crescent were all built, as part of the Fairfield Estate in the immediate post war years, as social housing by the local council. The Fairfield estate, right from the start and up to today, has a strong community identity being built around a shopping parade, a pub, a community hall and when built it's own police station and nowadays its own Facebook group with most children attending the adjoining Evesham Secondary Modern school, now The De Montfort School, in Four Pools Road.

### **Proposal 2**

That the dividing line between Evesham and Bengeworth wards should follow the line of the B4035 from Workman Bridge for the full length of Port Street and Broadway Road.

From the 1950s onwards as various housing estates were built, which now form the current Evesham South ward, they became part of the Bengeworth Community using the Port Street area for banking, doctors, dentists and many other services. The Port Street businesses served the housing estates to the south of Port Street just as much as the longer established houses to the north.

For example the Bengeworth Traders Association (now disbanded) was established in the early 70s specifically to fight off the threat of a Port Street bypass, proposed to run from opposite Bengeworth Church via Coopers Lane to Waterside, which the traders considered would have created a significant physical barrier to shoppers from the estates to the south of Port Street built around Four Pools Road, Fairfield Road and Davies Road.

The dividing line between Bengeworth and Evesham South wards is an arbitrary, artificial construct to make the numbers work. It divides the B4035, Broadway Road, in its easterly half and therefore it seems illogical not to follow the same road when it changes its name to Port Street.

In the 80s and 90s the dividing line was different again with 13 -39 Port Street in the Evesham South ward.

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