

Wychavon District Council

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As a district councillor for Pershore I am very supportive of the ward remaining a three member ward but consider it important that the two town parishes remain the only components of this. The surrounding parishes are distinctly different, rural in nature and have very different concerns. They will have a limited voice due to the population of Pershore and will likely feel disconnected from the democratic process as the town will dominate. Additionally I would stress that the original proposals for Wick were acceptable and put a rural parish in a ward with distinct rural parishes. The current proposal to add the village of Wick to Pershore is not in the interests of either Pershore Town, or Wick. To add a village settlement to an existing 3 member ward which focuses on the Town of Pershore is unfair to Wick as they would account for less than 5% of the total population of the ward, leaving their voice hugely diminished. In the originally proposed ward of Fladbury they would account for 15% of the population and would have had a fairer voice. The arguments made about Stoulton and Peopleton being placed in Upton Snodsbury can equally be made here for Wick. But the difference here is that Wick is being added to a 3 member ward with a far greater population, and therefore would face a greater loss of voice. If this proposal is to be accepted Wick, as a village of fewer than 200 homes, will always lose out in terms of ward member time/ representation compared to the town. Pershore Town Council would dominate over the much smaller Wick Parish Council. 2. The issues that the residents of Wick village face as a community are significantly different to those of the residents of Pershore. As a result Wick shares common interests with other villages in the Pershore hinterland. 3. Adding any additional parishes to Pershore ward would also be problematic as the size of the town, and the strong voices within Pershore would overwhelm any smaller parish.

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