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On behalf of the Parish Council and Residents of Bishampton, Throckmorton and Tilesford, we are strongly in favour of retaining the existing grouping of Parishes within the Pinvin Ward. Our desire to retain this association follows a history of effective co-operation between our four parishes, which are closest to the Hill and Moor Waste disposal site and Throckmorton Airfield which is fostered and supported by broadly similar communities, views and concerns. The benefit of this established co-operation is likely to further increase in the face of forthcoming challenges of ensuring the most beneficial outcome for the proposed new settlement at Throckmorton. More specific detail is provided in the attached document. Kind regards J G Boocock - Chair, Bishampton and Throckmorton Parish Council

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Comments to the Boundary Commission on forthcoming changes to district council wards in Wychavon.

Comments on Behalf of the Parish Council and communities of Bishampton Throckmorton and Tilesford [PINVIN WARD]

In full appreciation of the need for review updating of District wards as times, populations and levels of representation change, there is also a need to recognise that account must be taken of arrangements which historically and presently function well.

The small rural villages in our area are not normally subject to large or rapid changes in community sizes. Nature of communities and work and travel patterns obviously do change though the process is evolutionary and not particularly volatile.

The local parishes have collectively faced many challenges over the years, centred upon the Waste disposal site at Hill and Moor, development of the Throckmorton Airfield, the foot and mouth epidemic and burial pits, music festivals and more recently the challenges of the Covid pandemic.

In the face of these challenges, our parish councils have developed a spirit of co-operation and mutual support which we strongly feel has benefitted our communities and allows a fuller picture of both problems and effective solutions. This co-operation has been enabled and enhanced by having shared representation at the district council level.

District Councillor (Liz) Tucker has been extremely important in forging links between the Parish Councils, not just because of her personal commitment and drive, but also because as district councillor for all our Parishes, she is party to our issues and sees the commonality of our challenges.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the face of the numerous challenges ahead of our communities in managing the likely impacts of the proposed New Town at Throckmorton. Proposed within the SWDPR the large scale of the development will create significant changes for local communities. By co-operating over the coming years, we can collectively hope to ensure that development takes full note of existing communities and optimises the future for established and new residents.

The ability of our parishes to co-operate effectively will be significantly better if the District Level representation continues to be shared across our Parishes:-

Bishampton and Throckmorton, Hill and Moor, Pinvin, Wyre Piddle – which collectively make up the Parishes most proximate to the Refuse Site and Throckmorton Airfield.

We strongly urge the Electoral commission to recognise the commonalities and shared interests of our communities and maintain this important association between our villages in the forthcoming Ward boundary changes.