

Shropshire Council

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I am aware of some of the proposals likely to be submitted by Shropshire Council with regards to the Bayston Hill electoral division at this boundary review. I am currently one of the three Unitary Councillors for the huge Bayston Hill, Column and Sutton Division and have been so since 2017. My understanding is that your review is seeking to standardise the number of electors in each division within 10% either side of 3,600. Bayston Hill does not fit this model, its electorate is forecast to be 4,300 by 2028. Bayston Hill is a village detached from Shrewsbury town. It looks to Shrewsbury for its economy but is autonomous in many ways. It has its own library, school, medical practice and many other necessary facilities. The current electoral link to the Shrewsbury Town divisions of Column and Sutton is tenuous to say the least. There are no transport links between the areas and a very limited crossover of community activities. Travel for shopping to the large Meole Brace Retail Park in Shrewsbury does occur, although Bayston Hill does have its own parade of smaller, more local shops. My view is that the electoral division for Bayston Hill should mirror the boundaries of Bayston Hill Parish Council. I can confirm that my fellow Unitary Councillor for the area, Cllr Ted Clarke, is of the same opinion. I hope this will be seriously considered on community grounds

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