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Local Government Boundaries Commission consultation - Shropshire

Worthen with Shelve Parish Council consider that given the population increase in Shropshire, the housing targets in the Local Plan Review and the results of the most recent Census that the review should be based on 75 Council Divisions. In addition, this would make sense given the rurality and geography of large areas of South Shropshire. The road network, population sparsity, geology and geographic size and accessibility of divisions should be a consideration.

This parish council looks to support the retention of Chirbury and Worthen Division by increasing the number of residents. This could be achieved by including Westbury and the adjoining hinterland to this division.

It is considered by this parish council that these communities are linked and fit together. Westbury and Worthen are linked by the B4386. Many residents of Westbury area use the shop and Post Office located in Worthen. Children from this area attend Long Mountain Primary School and nursery in Worthen as do many others located in and around the parish of Worthen with Shelve. It is noted that some children located in the Loton division (Yockleton and surrounding areas) attend the primary school in Ford. Most Children from Westbury and Long Mountain will attend Mary Webb Secondary school with the children from Worthen and the surrounding areas.

The main bus route 558 from Montgomery to Shrewsbury (providing access to work and college) travels along the B4386 and serves both Chirbury and Worthen Division and Loton Division. Other services which are shared and linked are the doctors surgery in Worthen and the Vicar.

It is considered by this Parish Council that every effort should be made to ensure these divisions remain rural and are not linked to a market town.

Yours sincerely  
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