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Related subject: Radbrook

My previous submission to the consultation made the case for Radbrook Division becoming a 2 member ward, therefore I made no suggestions of how a 1 member ward should look. With the Boundary Commission deciding against my original suggestion, these are my view on what is proposed.

The Boundary Commission proposes moving several roads to other Divisions in order to bring Radbrook within, or at least close to, it's aim of a 10% variance from the average number of voters. In the case of Radbrook it proposes moving Ridgebourne Road and the portion of Roman Road and the top end of Radbrook Road (plus a couple of cul de sacs) into Porthill ward, and this makes sense.

It also proposes moving Alan Gutridge Drive, Radbrook Hall Court, the bottom end of Crowmeole Lane and Ryelands, Sandiway, Woodside Drive and their associated cul de sacs into Copthorne ward. It also proposes moving the Oakfield Estate (most of the top end of Crowmeole Lane, Rad Valley Road, Oakfield Drive, Crowmeole Drive and Rad Valley Gardens) into Copthorne ward.

The movement of the Oakfield Estate into Copthorne makes sense - this area IS in Copthorne. However, the Alan Gutridge Drive, Radbrook Hall Court and Ryelands/Sandiway etc roads are most certainly in Radbrook and identify as such. One issue which may have confused the Boundary Commission is that the water course running between these roads and the Oakfield Estate is labelled as the Bowbrook on Google Maps, which I believe the BC has lent on as a valuable resource during their review, rather than visit the areas there are looking at. As previously pointed out, Google Maps is wrong - the water course here is the Radbrook, it changes it's name when passing under the B4386 (Mytton Oak Road) near the

top of Squinter Pip Way.

The Boundary Commission proposals also keep the roads west and north of the Radbrook (NOT the Bowbrook...) - Churchill Road, Falcons Way, Ravenscourt Walk and their associated cul de sacs - plus the newer development opposite the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (which until 1977 was known as Copthorne Hospital, and still is to many people) which include Toronto Avenue, Seacole Way, Cavell Drive and their associated roads in Radbrook Division. These areas are however in Copthorne, their postal addresses include 'Mytton Oak Road, Copthorne, Shrewsbury'.

I suggest that the areas bounded by the Radbrook water course and Radbrook Road, i.e. Alan Gutridge Drive, Radbrook Hall Court, the bottom end of Crowmeole Lane and Ryelands/Sandiway et al stay in Radbrook and the areas bounded by the Radbrook and Mytton Oak Road (going as far west as Falcons Way) go to Copthorne. The number of voters in the latter areas exceed the number of voters in the former area by roughly 100, which would also bring the variance within 10% - it is 12% under the Commission's own proposals.

I believe these suggestions are supported by all parties represented on Shropshire Council.

Attached Documents:

None attached