

Shropshire

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Related subject: I represent Bridgnorth West & Tasley on SC and Bridgnorth East on BTC

I would like to add my support to the Commission's proposals to amend the boundaries for Bridgnorth. Having the River as the boundary (more or less) will bring clarity to local residents as to which division they live in. Moving to single member divisions will also help clarify who represents them.

Reducing the number of divisions from 4 in Bridgnorth plus Alveley, to 4 including Alveley is necessary I understand due to the population statistics. I heard some concerns at Bridgnorth Town Council about the implications of the name "Bridgnorth rural". I don't share their views (that town residents would feel disenfranchised) however you might want to consider an alternative name for the division, e.g. "Bridgnorth & Alveley".

I support the move of the 4 streets from Bridgnorth West to Bridgnorth Castle (Portmans way etc) as this would be more logical for those residents, and save them a 2.5 mile walk to the polling station, whereas there are much nearer stations that could serve them.

Overall I feel you have taken the opportunity to simplify, clarify, equalise and improve the divisions and representation for the town, and I feel you listened well to our feedback regarding community identity and how to simplify the boundaries.

As a Shropshire Councillor I currently represent over 6,700 residents.

Attached Documents:

None attached