

Worcestershire

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Related subject: Bowbrook Division

I am disappointed that Bowbrook district ward is to be split further. Crowle (RM) was taken from Bowbrook district ward and added to Upton Snodsbury Division in the previous Review. It is now proposed that Tibberton (RJ) should also be added to Upton Snodsbury Division. Tibberton has strong links with the Bowbrook Division in that the village school is managed jointly with Hindlip school. It looks towards Droitwich for middle and secondary schools, medical and retail services as do the parishes in the Saleway Group, which I am pleased to see are being retained in the Bowbrook Division. Tibberton and the Saleway Group of Parishes are rural in outlook unlike Norton and the Drakes Broughton areas in the Upton Snodsbury Division which are due to undergo considerable expansion under the South Worcestershire Development Review. The population of the Upton Snodsbury Division is likely to expand f than the estimated 9424. I support moving the polling districts RU, DBJ and DBN into the Droitwich town divisions as they are in effect urban extensions of the town. Finally a general point. I note that there is a variance in the average number of electors per councillor across the council with a difference of over 1,000 electors between the district with the highest average number and the district with the lowest. Thus Worcester City has 2 positive variances and 8 negative, and Malvern Hills has 3 positive and 5 negative. On the other hand, Wychavon has 11 positive variances and one negative, and Bromsgrove has 9 positive and one negative, Has consideration been given to changing the number of councillors allocated to each District area to enable more even representation across the council?

Attached Documents:

None attached