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Related subject: Uley and Owlpen

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Attached Documents:

- The Local Government boundary Commission 5th December 2023.docx

Proposal to transfer Owlpen Parish to the Wotton under Edge Division from the Dursley Division

Dear Sir/Madam,

As former District Councillor for Uley, Owlpen, Nympsfield and Coaley from 1983 to 2010 and presently a Parish Councillor in Uley I object mostly strongly to the suggested transfer for the following reasons:-

- Uley and Owlpen are hugely and traditionally bound together. The church parishes are one and are bound together with Dursley and named The Ewelme Benefice (after the river). It is a proactive church.
- The Uley Village Hall is officially Uley and Owlpen Village Hall where a large part of our joint social life takes place.
- Facilities. Owlpen residents use Uley School, Uley Pharmacy and Surgery, Uley Community Stores, Uley pub and of course the facilities and employment in the town of Dursley. Owlpen residents and Uley residents act together as volunteers to support the above.
- Conversely there are employment opportunities at Owlpen Manor wedding venue for Uley people.

For issues such as Highways, Education, Social Services and Planning it makes no geographical sense to divorce Owlpen from the present ward with our present County Councillor.

Please will you have regard to the human and geographical issues involved. I fully support the views of Owlpen Parish Meeting. "Better Together".

Yours sincerely
Mrs Janet Wood BA, MBE (service to Uley)