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Related subject: Owlpen

To Whomever it May Concern,

As long term residents of Owlpen my wife and I would like to express our profound concern regarding the proposed boundary move from Dursley Division to Wotton Division. We, along with all the residents of this small parish, wish to object to this proposal in the strongest possible terms. The proposal makes no sense to us whatsoever.

Owlpen is strongly linked culturally, socially, geographically and historically to Uley which is in Dursley Division. It is, after all, less than a mile from Uley whereas Wotton is 5 miles away, separated by hills. As residents we have daily connections with Uley, whether it's the school, the pub, the church or the need to visit the village shop. Visits and social connections to Wotton, although in itself a pleasant town, are rare.

Moreover, we are concerned that the change of boundary will have an impact with our relationship with Gloucestershire County Council Highways. Over the recent few years the steep single track road passing through Owlpen has been rendered impassable on occasions due to heavy goods vehicles attempting to navigate this road, getting stuck and causing significant damage to the steep grass banks and spreading mud over the road making it extremely hazardous to other road users. Through the efforts of Gloucestershire County Council Councilor Wendy Thomas (Dursley Division) and the lobbying by Uley Parish Council we were eventually able to convince GCC Highways to install appropriate signage at either end of the road through Owlpen that prevented large trucks from attempting to navigate the road. The problem no longer exists. We are by no means convinced that a similar level of success would have been achieved if our problem had been communicated to a Wotton

councilor who is probably remote from the area and the problem at hand.

The residents of Owlpen feel they are intrinsically part of Uley. Always have been, always will be. We do not wish to be part of a parish that we do not have any connection with whatsoever in order that our small population of approximately 35 residents can 'make up the numbers'.

We hope we have made our feelings clear

Yours faithfully

Attached Documents:

None attached