

Worcestershire

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I share the concerns expressed by Warndon Parish Council, in its submission to the Boundary Review.

My predecessor - as both City and County Councillor - [REDACTED] experienced years of resident confusion arising from the fact that the city ward boundary and county division boundary were different from the parish boundary. The proposal to introduce a third boundary between Warndon Parish and Nunnery areas can only make the situation worse.

As former Chair of Warndon Parish Council, I am familiar with the relationships between all of the various communities which make up "Warndon Villages" - as the parish may well soon be renamed. Recent concerns about the potential loss of valued Green Space on the former golf course have highlighted the strong common interests between the residents living on the north side of Newtown Road with the rest of "Warndon Villages". This sense of place and identity should be preserved.

In my role as County Councillor, my relationship with the Parish Council is a key factor in ensuring that our shared priorities are dealt with expeditiously. The proposal to split the parish across two county divisions will not help such arrangements. This will be especially important in respect of the proposed new school which, as proposed, would be situated in a small enclave of the parish in a different division. That would simply add to the confusion, at a time when clear working relationships between parish and county will be very important.

So, for the reasons set out above, and in common with Warndon Parish Council, I urge the Boundary Commission to reconsider its Draft Recommendations.

Attached Documents:

None attached