

# Worcestershire

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## Comment text:

Good morning,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the proposals for changes to the electoral boundaries. Unfortunately, Barnt Green Parish Council is opposed to the proposals on a point of principle, that being where 2 councillors are proposed to represent one county council ward. We note that this is proposed in a number of other wards within Worcestershire. The existence of two county councillors will double the communication on county level issues which will be more bureaucratic, generate a greater workload, increase costs and may ultimately involve passing additional costs to council tax payers who are represented by a parish council.

Within a bigger ward with two councillors, the voice of a small parish council will carry less weight, so the views of the residents in that parish may be marginalised which we feel goes against the better principles of democratic representation.

Barnt Green Parish Council has a practical concern where it may be represented by 2 county councillors with opposing views. If one county councillor is in favour and the other against a proposal, the parish council's position is neutralised. The effect is that the role of the Parish Council is diminished and, again, the democratic process fails the residents of such a parish council.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*