

Worcestershire

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Comment text:

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We are writing regarding the “New Electoral Arrangements for Worcestershire County Council- Draft Recommendations” published by the Local Government Boundary Commission in January 2024 which propose revised electoral arrangements for Kidderminster Town Council (Page 28).

The proposals are to change from the current arrangement of 6 wards each electing 3 members of the Town Council (total membership of 18 Councillors), to 10 wards, with 5 electing 1 member each, 2 wards electing 2 members each and 3 wards remaining the same, electing 3 members each (total membership of 18 Councillors).

I have been requested to advise you that these draft recommendations were considered at a meeting of Kidderminster Town Council, held on Wednesday 24th January 2024. Members were disappointed that the Commission had not consulted the Town council before publishing these proposals.

In considering the proposals, the Town Council had regard to the number of electors in each ward at 2023 (The Electoral Roll) and projections to 2029 (The Boundary Commission) and formed the opinion that a review was not required at this time.

Kidderminster Town Council regards the recommendations as unnecessary, confusing and complicated. The proposals are likely to cause confusion for the electorate and to result in lower turnout for Town Council elections.

No review of Kidderminster Town Council Wards should be carried out until the next Wyre Forest District Council Ward Boundary Review at which time the

Kidderminster Wards of both Councils should be reviewed at the same time and kept as coterminous boundaries. The electoral wards for elections to Kidderminster Town Council are currently aligned with those for the Wyre Forest District Council elections. The Town Council strongly recommends that these arrangements should remain in place.

Please confirm receipt of this correspondence and advise us of the next steps in this process.

Attached Documents:

- ktc-electors-spreadsheet.pdf

KTC Wards & Electors January 2024

Ward	2023 Electors	2029 Electors	Var	%
A&S 1	962	996	34	
A&S 2	2097	2156	59	
A&S 3	3356	3668	312	
Total	6415	6820	405	6.31%

The source of the information is:

2023 electors -The Electoral Roll

2029 electors The Boundary Commission

BHS

BHS 1	1070	1110	40	
BHS 2	1674	1739	65	
BHS 3	849	861	12	
BHS 4	362	329	-33	
BHS 5	2918	3017	99	
Total	6873	7056	183	2.66%

FPH

FPH 1	2299	2446	147	
FPH 2	1644	1709	65	
FPH 3	2163	2200	37	
FPH 4	1297	1350	53	
Total	7403	7705	302	4.08%

FHN

FHN 1	1680	1763	83	
FHN 2	1308	1379	71	
FHN 3	4504	4673	169	
Total	7492	7815	323	4.31%

BR

BR 1	1682	1967	285	
BR 2	1843	1917	74	
BR 3	3177	3288	111	
Total	6702	7172	470	7.01%

OFC

OFC 1	2390	2442	52	
OFC 2	1143	1271	128	
OFC 3	2567	3168	601	
OFC 4	1252	1205	-47	
Total	7352	8086	734	9.98%