

Worcestershire

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Dear Members of the Local Boundary Commission Review,

I am writing to formally express my objection to the proposed Town Council ward changes currently under consideration. As a concerned British resident, taxpayer, and active member of the Stourport community, I believe that these proposed changes raise significant concerns that need careful consideration.

I live and work in Stourport, and my daily interactions with the local community have given me a keen understanding of the dynamics and needs of the area. Therefore, I wish to outline my objections as follows:

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Maintaining Central Ward Representation: I have no objection to the central ward maintaining its two town councillors, as it seems reasonable to ensure effective representation for the residents of that area.

Support for North Gaining a Town Councillor: I support the idea of North gaining a town councillor, as it could potentially enhance representation for the residents of that ward.

Maintaining Representation for Stour & Wilden: I have no objection to Stour & Wilden maintaining their current representation with four town councillors, as long as it aligns with the needs and preferences of the community.

Opposition to Lickhill Ward Split: I strongly oppose the idea of splitting Lickhill into two wards, each with one town councillor. This unnecessary division could lead to confusion and does not appear to serve the best interests of the community. Keeping Lickhill as one ward with two town councillors would maintain consistency and clarity.

Concerns about Dramatic Size Differences: The proposed allocation of five town councillors to North while assigning only one to Lickhill East and West could result in dramatic size differences among the wards. This imbalance may impact the equitable representation of residents' concerns

and needs.

Mismatch with District Council Boundaries: The proposed changes would result in the Town Council wards no longer matching those of the district council, which contradicts one of the commission's principles. This misalignment would likely cause mass confusion at the local level during council elections, especially considering the already low turnout. I urge the commission to reconsider this aspect to maintain consistency and clarity in the electoral process.

Furthermore, I want to emphasize that I do not object to the county council division proposals of splitting the town into two wards with a councillor for each ward. This approach maintains the current representation of two councillors for the town, and I believe it aligns with the community's needs.

In conclusion, I urge the Local Boundary Commission Review to reconsider the Town Council ward proposals, addressing the specific concerns raised. It is vital to ensure that any changes are fair, transparent, and in the best interest of the community, fostering an inclusive and representative democratic process.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. I trust that the commission will carefully consider the objections and work towards a resolution that reflects the concerns and preferences of the residents in our community.

Sincerely,

Cheers,

[Redacted Signature]

Attached Documents:

None attached