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Related subject: Alvechurch / Hopwood / Wythall & Barnt Green.

I have read with interest the proposed new Worcestershire County electoral boundaries defined by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and have real concerns that this would be a retrograde development for residents..

Alvechurch and Barnt Green are two unique / historic rural villages surrounded by green belt but has their own distinct characteristics and focus. They are roughly one mile from each other. In contrast Wythall is an urban area physically joined to Birmingham and it has reasonable links into the Birmingham tCity ransport system. It is some 5/6 miles from Alvechurch and Barnt Green. The two areas have little in common, sadly crime is much higher in Wythall being joined to Birmingham, and the priorities of the parish councils , representing the residents priorities, are quite different.

If the two areas were combined as proposed, almost certainly the two councillors would have to split their responsibility along the lines of one being responsible for Alvechurch/ Barnt Green and the other one focusing on Wythall.,(i.e. actually reflecting the existing successful parish and district councillor arrangements!). The A456 makes an automatic / natural boundary.

Whilst understanding your wish to reflect population density in your proposals I suggest that the current historic successful existing boundaries, which myself and neighbours are all happy with should, nevertheless be reflected in the creation of two, one councillor districts. I would hope my comments would be taken into account as part of the consultation process since I strongly reject these changes.

Attached Documents:

None attached