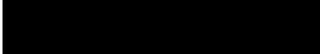


## Forest of Dean District

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12 October 2017

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the trustees of Hartpury Village Hall in response to the Local Government Boundary Commission's recent draft recommendations on new electoral arrangements for the Forest of Dean District Council. If the proposals are implemented Hartpury will be subsumed into a larger two-councillor "Hartpury and Redmarley" ward. The main justification for this recommendation appears to be the desire of the respective parish councils of Staunton North and Corse to be jointly represented, whereas the two parishes are currently within two separate wards.

The trustees of Hartpury Village Hall do not support this proposal. Hartpury already suffers from its considerable geographical distance from the Forest of Dean's centre of gravity in Coleford, and the presence of an active local councillor with local loyalties and a specifically local electorate has been of considerable benefit to Hartpury Village Hall, helping us to find effective solutions to important planning, funding and other issues which have helped to make such a success of our wonderful new village hall. The trustees are concerned that a larger two-member ward would lead to more remote and less effective representation, and will not deliver effective and convenient local government for the residents of Hartpury. Larger multi-member wards may, for obvious reasons, be welcomed by political party machines but, other than the specific and very localised concerns cited by the Parish Councils of Staunton North and Corse, there are no apparent demographic or representational reasons in this case to support the introduction of a two-member ward over the clear benefits in terms of direct and convenient local representation of the current single-member ward arrangement. Indeed, even in the case of Staunton and Corse, it is not clear how the introduction of a two-member ward would represent an improvement on the current situation, insofar as they would still have to deal with two councillors.

We would therefore urge the Commission to amend the proposals to ensure that Hartpury continues to be represented by a single local councillor.

Yours faithfully

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