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Dear Mr Owen

LGBCE Proposed Draft Recommendations

I write regarding the proposed changes you are suggesting for Ashby de la Zouch. I have previously written to you on this matter and I am concerned by your proposals to remove the Ashby Castle Ward out of the parished area of Ashby de la Zouch and to place it in Valley Ward, in an attempt to provide equality in the number of electors.

In my view, this proposal will lead to utter confusion with electors. There is no clear separation or division between Ashby Castle Ward and the other Wards of Holywell, Willesley, Ivanhoe and Moneyhill within the Ashby de la Zouch Parish. Having two County Councillors serving the Ashby parish would be confusing to say the least. At the District Council Ashby Castle Ward would be within the Ashby de la Zouch Parish whilst within the County Council it would be part of Valley ward, again leading to confusion with residents in Castle Ward.

I can understand there has to be equality in numbers, but I feel this is not the way forward. I suggest that you join the divisions of Ashby and Valley to make an Ashby/Valley division creating a 2 member ward. This would keep Ashby as a whole parished area and Valley Ward would join Ashby, creating a 2 member ward with synergy within the whole.

If this suggestion is not acceptable, then I ask you to please look again at your proposals for Ashby de la Zouch so we can keep the Ashby Parish as one.

Yours sincerely


John Coxon
County Councillor
District Councillor - Castle Ward
Town Councillor - Castle Ward for Ashby de la Zouch and Leader of the Town Council

