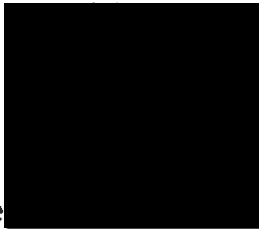


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Dear Sir,

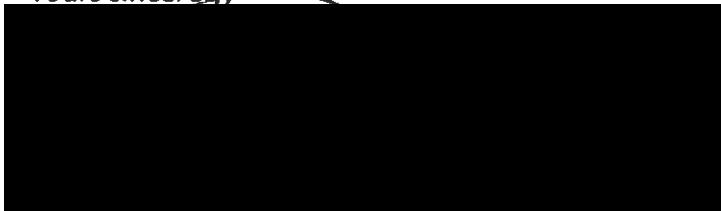
Re: Electoral Review of Herefordshire

I am writing to you in response to the initial public consultation on the Commission's proposal that in future Herefordshire Council should be represented by 54 Councillors.

I welcome this proposal, as it will in my view reduce the cost of the Council whilst not having any adverse impact on the ability of Councillors' ability to fulfill their duties to the public or on democratic accountability.

I also wish to take the opportunity to express an opinion that multi-member wards do not work in the best interests of constituents. I believe that arrangements following the review should be based on single member wards as this will clarify accountability and reduce confusion for constituents when interacting with elected members. I believe that it will improve the overall quality of representation.

Yours sincerely,



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