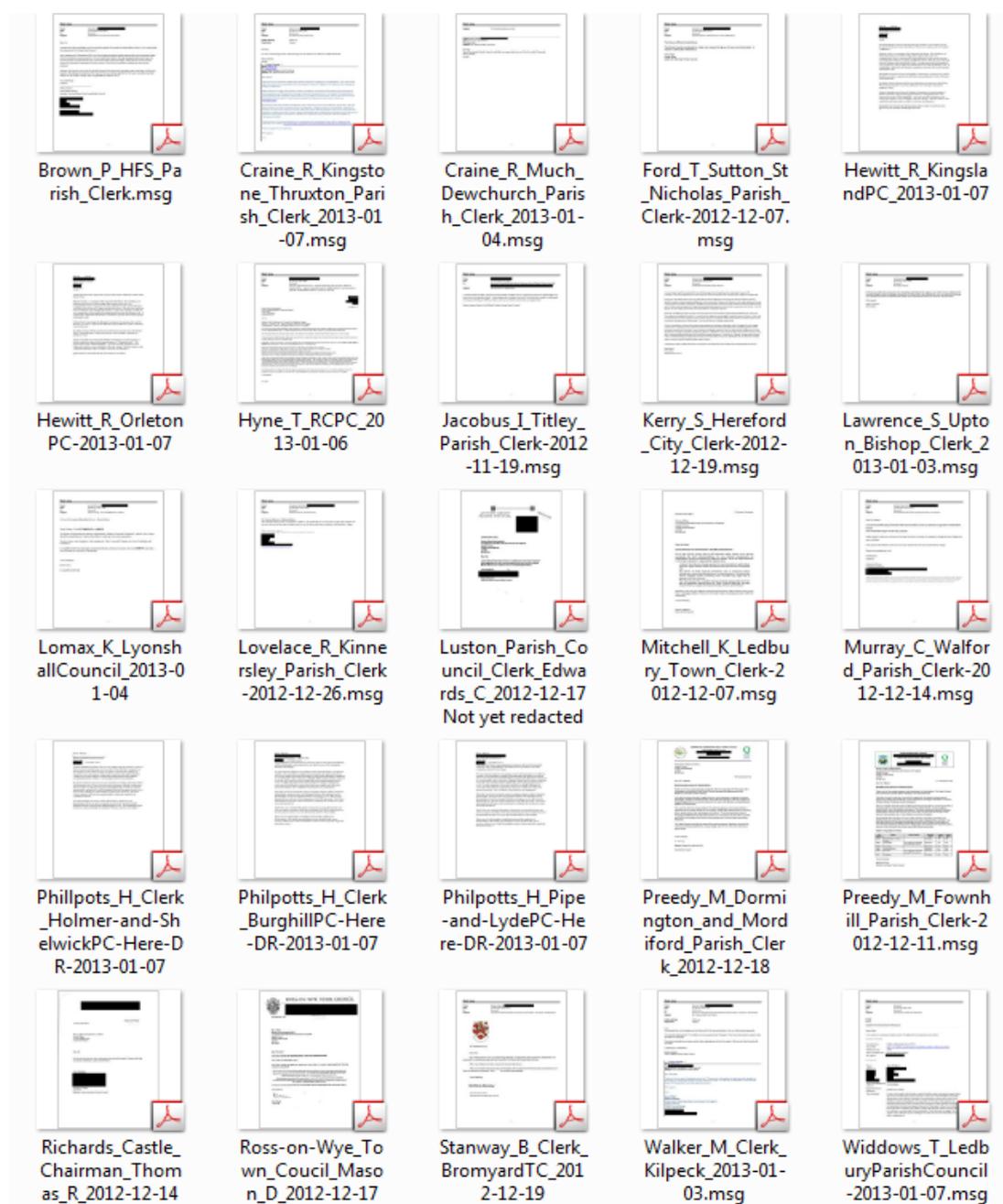


## Parish and Town council submissions to the Herefordshire Council electoral review

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## Ward, Lucy

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**From:** Philip Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 November 2012 18:21  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Herefordshire Council recommendations

Dear Sir,

In response to the consultation on the revised proposals for wards for Herefordshire Council, I am writing with the response of the Group Parish Council.

At its meeting on 21 November 2012, the Council welcomed the revised proposals for the immediate locality which would place our group parish in the new Bodenham Ward. Although geographically quite large, this ward's parishes are generally all rural communities with scattered villages, looking to the nearby market towns of Leominster or Bromyard for their services. The Council is therefore content with the revised proposal.

However the Council noted that the parallel review of Parliamentary boundaries was underway, and this was based on the old ward boundaries. The result of the two reviews together for the ward councillor would be that he or she would no longer have a single MP for all of the ward.

Yours faithfully,  
P Brown

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Philip J Brown  
Clerk to the Council  
Humber, Ford and Stoke Prior Group Parish Council

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Ward, Lucy

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**From:** Rachel Craine [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 January 2013 12:20  
**To:** Ward, Lucy  
**Subject:** Re: Ward boundary and name

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Hi Lucy,

It is the wish of Kingstone & Thrupton Grp PC also that the new Ward be called Wormside.

Many Thanks,  
Rachel

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Ward, Lucy](#)  
**To:** [Rachel Craine](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2013 9:08 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Ward boundary and name

Dear Rachel,

Thank you for your submission regarding the review of electoral arrangements in Herefordshire. Your views will be taken into account by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England in formulating its final proposals for warding arrangements.

Please note that this stage of the review is a public consultation, and the Commission places great importance on ensuring openness and transparency in the way it deals with all representations. Full copies of all representations received will be made available for public inspection at our offices (by appointment), and at those of the County of Herefordshire District Council. They will also be available for viewing on the Commission's website, at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).

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The Commission's final recommendations for Herefordshire will be published in March 2013. Updates will be published on our website, <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/westmidlands/herefordshire/herefordshire-fer>

Thank you again for your submission.

Kind regards,

Lucy

Lucy Ward  
Review Officer  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
Layden House  
76-86 Turnmill Street  
London EC1M 5LG

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**From:** Rachel Craine [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 January 2013 19:23  
**To:** Ward, Lucy  
**Subject:** Re: Ward boundary and name

Hi Lucy,  
Much Dewchurch Parish Council would like to propose that the new Ward be called Wormside.  
Many Thanks,  
Rachel

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Ward, Lucy](#)  
**To:** [rlcraine@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:rlcraine@tiscali.co.uk)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 20, 2012 1:46 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Ward boundary and name

Dear Ms Craine

Thank you for your email. Consultation will end on 7th January and unfortunately this date cannot be changed; we encourage you and the other Parish Councils to contact us by then. In order for your submission to have the best chance of being adopted it will need supporting evidence.

Kind regards,

Lucy

Lucy Ward  
Review Officer  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
Layden House  
76-86 Turnmill Street  
London EC1M 5LG

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**From:** Rachel Craine [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 December 2012 11:22  
**To:** Gall, Archie  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Ward boundary and name

Dear Mr. Gall,

Kingstone & Thruxton Group PC would like to formally request an extension to the 7th January 2013 response date, on the basis that the proposals were only received late November and with the holiday period does not allow a reasonable amount of time to action. Several Parish Councils wish to meet together to discuss a suitable name and therefore further time will be needed.

Many Thanks,

Rachel Craine, Clerk to KTPC and Much Dewchurch PC

**Ward, Lucy**

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**Subject:** FW: Ward boundary and name

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**Sent:** 03 January 2013 19:23

**To:** Ward, Lucy

**Subject:** Re: Ward boundary and name

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## Ward, Lucy

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**From:** Rudolph Ford [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 December 2012 23:19  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Electoral Review of Herefordshire- Sutton Walls Ward

The Review Officer(Herefordshire)

The Parish Council considered the matter and resolved to agree with your recommendation in relation to the Sutton Walls Ward.

Tony Ford  
Parish Clerk  
Sutton St. Nicholas Parish Council

Richard Hewitt

[REDACTED]  
Kingsland Parish Council

Parish clerk

[REDACTED]  
07/01/2013

11:06

"Kingsland Parish Council was disappointed to learn that its representation to keep the parish of Richard's Castle within Bircher Ward was not taken up by the Boundary Commission.

Richard's Castle is a community fully integrated with Orleton. Their children go to Orleton School, they use Orleton village shop and post office and so on. Geographically, there is a huge obstacle between Richard's Castle and the Mortimer ward in the form of Hanway Common and Mortimer Forest. The only road connection between Mortimer ward and Richard's Castle is a single track road with a number of very steep inclines, which would lead to limited interaction with the Mortimer ward. It would make it difficult for the Mortimer councillor to represent effectively the people of Richard's Castle.

Kingsland Parish Council urges the Boundary Commission to experience this road for themselves in order to appreciate the difficulties placing Richard's Castle in Mortimer ward would cause.

In addition, Luston, Moreton and Eye have little historical connection to the Bircher Ward. Placing Richard's Castle back in Bircher Ward will help to maintain the number of voters.

Further, the parish council urges the Boundary Commission to retain the name of Bircher ward and is opposed to the proposed name of "Kingsland ward". The proposed new name of "Kingsland" gives far too much prominence to one village and is likely to cause resentment in the other villages. Bircher Common is the central physical feature and is an effective reference for all parishes.

Kingsland Parish Council asks that the points made are taken seriously and acted upon, as they are sincerely and strongly held views.

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Richard Hewitt

Orleton Parish Council

Parish clerk

07/01/2013

11:15

"Orleton Parish Council supports the retention of the parish of Richard's Castle within Bircher Ward.

Richard's Castle is a community fully integrated with Orleton. Their children go to Orleton School, they use Orleton village shop and post office and so on. Geographically, there is a huge obstacle between Richard's Castle and the Mortimer ward in the form of Hanway Common and Mortimer Forest. The only road connection between Mortimer ward and Richard's Castle is a single track road with a number of very steep inclines, which would lead to limited interaction with the Mortimer ward. It would make it difficult for the Mortimer councillor to represent effectively the people of Richard's Castle.

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Orleton Parish Council asks that the points made are acted upon.

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## Ward, Lucy

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 November 2012 19:41  
**To:** Reviews@; Edwards Richard; Edwards Maureen; Bennett Robert; Davies Noorissa|  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Ward review for Herefordshire

I note with pleasure that common sense prevailed and that we are to remain as part of the Pembridge and other local rural parishes Ward. It must always be a problem to try to fit the statistical model to real people on the ground and your efforts, at least as far as our Ward is concerned, are appreciated.

Anton Jacobus, Clerk to the Titley & District Group Parish Council

## Ward, Lucy

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**From:** Stephen Kerry [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 December 2012 15:08  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Herefordshire Ward Boundaries Review

I am writing on behalf of Hereford City Council following a Council meeting which responded to your draft proposals. The Council feels there are several serious issues arising from the proposals which ought to be addressed.

Firstly, the natural boundary of the City of Hereford, a well established community with which inhabitants clearly identify, has been compromised by adding two rural communities, Holmer and Shelwick, to the urban settlement known as Victoria Park to create a ward which straddles the City boundary. Whilst this helps achieve numerical equality among wards it does so at the expense of inappropriately adding two separate communities to a small part of the City. It is not logical, nor will it add to a sense of community identity or cohesion to do this.

Secondly, the differing wards for parish council and county council elections will cause great difficulty for voters and their representatives going forward. It is essential that people are encouraged to vote and take an interest in their local council elections and the subsequent work of these councils. This will be undermined if there is confusion about wards created by having two sets of boundaries. The Council feels this is deeply undesirable.

Thirdly, the selection of some of the ward names appears to have been undertaken with little regard for local usages and customs. In particular, the name Grove Farm for a ward in the south east of the City is perplexing and its source unknown to any of our Councillors, many of whom are lifelong residents of the City. Alternatives making use of a local identification should be urgently considered, eg Putson or St Martin's. The choice of "City" for a ward in a parish council which is actually referred to as the City Council also makes little sense. The old name "Central" was apt and continues to be so notwithstanding the adjustments to this ward's boundaries. There are identifiable communities that could be used to name this ward notably Portfields and St James's

I hope you are able to take these points into account and respond to the strong concerns expressed by the Council.

Steve Kerry  
Town Clerk  
Hereford City Council

## Ward, Lucy

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**From:** Sarah Lawrence [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 January 2013 10:08  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Boundary Change

Following your letter and a discussion at our December Upton Bishop PC meeting, I can confirm that we understand the boundary change to only be a change in name from Old Gore Ward to Much Marcle but we do not welcome the change as we feel the name does not represent the location and would therefore prefer it to remain at 'Old Gore Ward'.

Kind regards

Sarah Lawrence  
UBPC Clerk

## Ward, Lucy

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**From:** Lyonshall Council [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 January 2013 17:40  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Name Change: From PEMBRIDGE to ARROW

To Local Government Boundary Review – Herefordshire

Name Change: From **PEMBRIDGE** to **ARROW**

The Ward which includes the Parishes of Pembridge, Shobdon, Lyonshall, Eardisland, and the Titley Group should be named **Arrow** to better reflect that it is made up of several communities.

The river Arrow runs through or is the boundary in Titley, Lyonshall, Staunton on Arrow, Pembridge and Eardisland.

Lyonshall Parish Council strongly recommends that the commission renames the ward **ARROW** rather than just reflecting the one parish of Pembridge.

Yours faithfully,

Kate Lomax,

Lyonshall Parish Clerk

## Ward, Lucy

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**From:** Kinnersley clerk (Ruth) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 December 2012 20:41  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Electoral Review of Herefordshire

Re: Electoral Review of Herefordshire

This Parish Council wishes to comment as follows. We would like to see the name Castle ward retained. We are not in favour of the name Eardisley ward as we feel this could cause confusion with Eardisley village.

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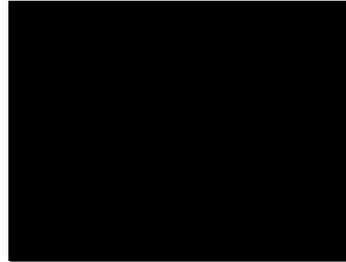
Ruth Lovelace (Mrs)  
Clerk, Kinnersley & District Group Parish Council

[REDACTED]  
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PARISH COUNCIL.**

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**12 December 2012**

**Review Officer (Herefordshire)  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
Layden House  
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EC1M 5LG**

**Dear Sir,**

**Luston Group Parish Council have no objections to the recommended re-arrangements to their ward boundaries but would like the original Bircher Ward name retained and not called Kingsland Ward.**

**Yours faithfully,**



**Claire Edwards  
Clerk to Luston Group Parish Council.**

07 December 2012

Review Officer  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
Layden House  
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Dear Ms Ward,

**Electoral Review of Herefordshire: Draft Recommendations**

At the Full Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012, Ledbury Town Council considered the draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Herefordshire Council and resolved to reaffirm its position, as per its original response to the initial consultation in August 2012, detailed below.

*'Ledbury Town Council strongly opposes the recommendation to split Ledbury into three single member wards and believes that this would be a retrograde step.*

*Any division of wards would be detrimental, lead to unbalanced elector numbers and reduce the effectiveness of the ward members. This would also remove residents' choice concerning which councillor they might wish to approach with their concerns.*

*The Town Council has consulted various community groups within the town and the responses received echo the Town Council's belief that the town should remain as a single ward represented by all three ward members.'*

Members retain the view that the proposed split into three single member wards would have a damaging effect on the town and would create unnecessary division within the community.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K J Mitchell  
Clerk to the Council

## Ward, Lucy

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**From:** Walford Parish Clerk [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 December 2012 12:19  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Proposed Ward Boundaries and Ward Names Consultation

Dear Sir / Madam,

### **Local Government Boundary Commission Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Herefordshire Council.**

#### **South Herefordshire single member ward proposals:**

Walford Parish Council are unanimous in their view that there is no reason or necessity to change the Kerne Bridge ward name to Walford.

In the opinion of the Parish Council, the ward name should remain the same and should not change.

Please acknowledge this e mail.

Kind Regards

Catherine.

Catherine Murray  
walford parish clerk

[REDACTED]

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Hazel Philpotts

Holmer and Shelwick Parish Council

Parish clerk

07/01/2013 22:05

"Holmer and Shelwick Parish Council is very unhappy with the proposal to remove it from its current ward and create a new one with Victoria Park but is resigned to its fate primarily as the Commission does not appear to be interested in taking into account the views and concerns of the parishes it consults with, and Herefordshire Council does not even bother to consult those parishes affected before making recommendations that will have a very big impact on the local community.

the parish council has enjoyed a very close and effective working relationship with its ward councillor since 10 years, that hard work, knowledge, trust and co-operation is about to be thrown aside based on projected population figures which are disputed and unreliable, and until the Local Development Plan has been approved and is set in motion such redefining of ward boundaries should not be carried out. The entire exercise appears to be based on assumed numbers without any regard for the communities affected.

It is understand that inaccuracies within the Boundary Commissions own documentation where east and west parishes are incorrectly reported if another indication that the review is being rushed through too soon. The consultation period has been too short and should not include the Christmas and new year holidays. "

Hazel Philpotts

Burghill Parish Council Parish clerk

07/01/2013 22:09

"Burghill Parish Council maintains its position as objector to the proposed redefining of the ward boundaries and cannot foresee any benefit to any of the communities affected by the changes.

At a time when government is encouraging councils and communities to work closer together to the extent that it is making that encouragement law under the Localism Act it seems almost bizarre that Herefordshire Council and the Boundary Commission are so determined to take a ward such as Burghill, Holmer and Lyde and re-engineer it so that the ward councillor will have double the parishes and geographical area to cover. It will be impossible for the ward councillor to continue to maintain the current level of involvement in local issues and projects simply due to the vastly increased workload. How will that be of any benefit to our communities?

The whole review has been based on project populations figures which are disputed and unreliable, and as they have not been approved due to the unfinished state of Herefordshire's Local Development Plan those very figures are very likely to alter dramatically due to the level of local opposition to the LDP's proposals. The PC also understands that the figures and documentation used during the consultation contain errors and inaccuracies.

The PC does not consider the Boundary Commission is giving sufficient time and effort to properly consulting with the local community, this latest consultatin period has been much too short as it covers the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The review of ward boundaries should be paused until the completion of Herefordshire's LDP and the projected figures can be calculated with greater accuracy, and the views of local communities need to be more rigorously sought and taken into account. "

Hazel Philpotts

[REDACTED]  
Pipe and Lyde Parish Council  
Parish clerk

[REDACTED] 07/01/2013 22:12

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**DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

**Parish Clerk: Melanie Preedy**



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The Review Officer (Hereford)  
Layden House  
76-86 Turnmill Street  
London  
EC1M 5LG

18<sup>th</sup> December 2012

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Ward boundary review for Herefordshire**

Thank you for the revised proposals contained within the email dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council discussed the amendments to the Backbury ward at their recent meeting.

The Parish Council would like to support the new ward composition containing Fownhope, Dormington, Mordiford, Hampton Bishop, Stoke Edith and Tarrington. With the exception of Weston Beggard this is the current structure of the ward which has been working effectively together for several years.

This ward fits within the criteria outlined in the technical guidance. Community Identity is maintained by the shared facilities of a Post Office, Village Halls, Medical Centre, community library, leisure centre, shop, hairdressers and butchers. The school catchment areas of Fownhope and Mordiford schools both serve this new ward. There are also road (e.g. A438 and B4224) and transport links between these parishes; all of which enhance community interaction.

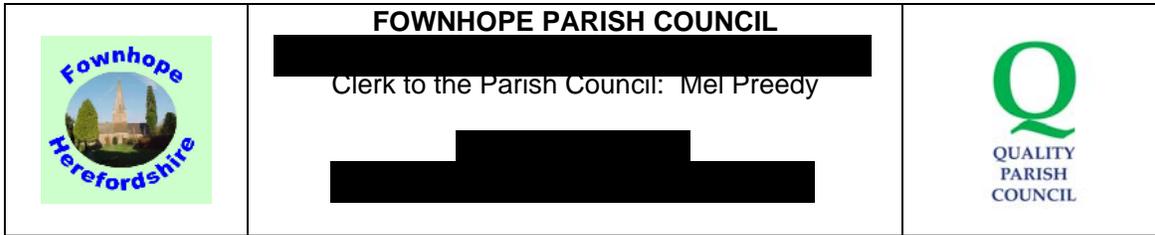
The Parish Council would like the name of the ward to remain as 'Backbury' given that the ward has not changed significantly. Using a village name for the whole ward could cause some conflict.

Yours sincerely

*M. Preedy*

Melanie Preedy BSc Hons AILCM

Clerk to the Council



Review Officer (Herefordshire)  
 Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
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11<sup>th</sup> December 2012

Dear Sir, Madam,

**Ward Boundary Review for Herefordshire**

Thank you for the revised proposed ward boundaries for Herefordshire. The Parish Council discussed these proposals at their meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

The Parish Council would like to re-confirm its support for its original comments sent in August 2012 stating the benefits for a ward composed of Dormington, Mordiford, Fownhope, Hampton Bishop, Woolhope and Brockhampton.

This new ward fits within the criteria outlined in the technical guidance. Community Identity is maintained by the shared facilities of a Post Office, Medical Centre, community library, leisure centre, shop, hairdressers and butchers. The school catchment areas of Fownhope and Mordiford schools both serve this new ward. There are also road and transport links between these parishes; all of which enhance community interaction.

Geographically the ward does not cover a large area thus supporting convenient and effective local government; the ward member will be able to represent this ward fairly. The joint parish council of Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council is kept within one ward. Several partnership initiatives have already taken place between the respective parish councils which evidences that similar issues affect these communities.

**Table 1. Proposed new ward**

Poll district	Parish	Joint Council	Existing ward	Voters 2012	Voters 2018
N-ZB	Brockhampton w Much Fawley		Old Gore	197	199
N-BA	Dormington	Dormington & Mordiford Group Parish Council	Backbury	144	150
N-BB	Fownhope		Backbury	818	843
N-BC	Hampton Bishop		Backbury	411	759
N-BD	Mordiford	Dormington & Mordiford Group Parish Council	Backbury	438	450
N-ZJ	Woolhope		Old Gore	392	399

Yours Sincerely

Melanie Preedy  
 Clerk to Fownhope Parish Council

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*Review Officer (Herefordshire) LGBCE  
Layden House  
76-86 Turnmill Street  
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*Dear Sir*

*Please find enclosed our letter with regard to proposed Boundary Changes affecting our parish of Richards Castle, Herefordshire.*

*Yours faithfully*

*Rosemary Thomas  
Chairman  
Richards Castle (Hereford) Parish Council*

To: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

11 December 2012

Dear Sirs,

**Response by Richards Castle Parish Council to the proposed Ward Boundary changes**

**Reference:** Hereford (FER), report to Hereford Council on LGBCE warding recommendations (File title: Herefordshire-draft-recs-v2-2012-11-02-final)

1. The Parish Clerk wrote to you on 19 August 2012 giving our opinion that it was more important that the parish of Richards Castle should be in the new Kingsland Ward for reasons of local democracy, rather than in the new Mortimer ward for reasons of electoral fairness. Your response (para 77 of the Reference) was that we had not provided enough evidence to justify this view.

2. This letter provides a full statement of our position, under headings corresponding to the three injunctions of the 2009 Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act to:

- reflect the identities and interests of local communities, in particular the desirability of fixing boundaries so as not to break local ties.
- secure effective and efficient local government
- provide equality of representation.

**Richards Castle's identity and interests**

3. Richards Castle (Herefordshire) depends on the nearby village of Orleton for primary schooling, shop, post office, GP surgery, and community policing. The distances to the nearest villages in the Mortimer Ward with similar amenities are far greater:-

Distances from Richards Castle Village (source: Google Maps)		
Settlements	Route	Miles
<b>Kingsland Ward</b> Orleton	B4361 with bus service	2
<b>Mortimer Ward</b> Leintwardine	B4362, A4110	13
	Unclassified lanes, not all-weather	10
Wigmore	B4362	10
	Unclassified lanes, not all-weather	7

4. Richards Castle-Orleton are separated from Wigmore-Leintwardine by a 7 mile wide area of open country with steep terrain relief and crossed only by unclassified lanes. This geographical barrier is the reason why Richards Castle Parish has never had, nor is ever likely to have any social, economic or local-political connection with communities in the proposed Mortimer Ward.

### Richards Castle's access to effective and convenient local government

5. The small number of Richards Castle electors (8% of Mortimer Ward) and its all-dimensional isolation from Mortimer Ward are likely to combine too often to give Richards Castle a low priority for attention by the Mortimer Ward Councillor. Richards Castle Parish Council's work has historically been made more effective and convenient by the close support received from its *local* Ward Councillor. It is therefore inferred that the Parish Council's work will be made more difficult., and that, although the community may well get a notionally more equal share of the Ward vote, they do not appear likely to get an equal share of the subsequent representation.

6. The Richards Castle's Community-led Plan involves close co-operation with neighbouring Orleton to

- Evolve the next phases of their Community-led Plans, taking account of the Localism Act.
- Create a joint Neighbourhood Plan.

These initiatives provide an example of how the Parish Council will face more work and difficulty Richards Castle does not share with Orleton a Ward Councillor who can act on behalf of them both in the negotiation of the whole range of associated issues with Hereford Council.

7. Paras 5 and 6 need to be read in the light of the nationally unique situation of the Richards Castle community. The community is split in two by a county and parliamentary constituency boundary, and is served by two Parish Councils and two Ward Councillors functioning under two very different County Councils. This split has already caused considerable extra work and difficulty in formulating the Community-led Plan on behalf of the whole community and the observed trends in Localism look as if this extra overhead is set to continue, if not actually increase.

### Electoral Fairness

8. The LGBCA-proposed distribution of electors between Kingsland and Mortimer Wards is shown below, together with the effect of transferring Richards Castle from Mortimer to Kingsland.

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Single councillor Wards	Numbers of electors and % variance from county average (Source: Appendix 1 of the Reference)	
	2012	2018
Kingsland as proposed	2842 (6%)	2914 (4%)
Mortimer as proposed	2836 (6%)	2909 (4%)
Kingsland + RC	3069 (14%)	3146 (12%)
Mortimer - RC	2609 (-2%)	2677 (-4%)
County average	2681	2793
Richards Castle parish	227	232

9. The data in the table shows that the re-location of Richards Castle will
- Increase Kingsland's variance from the 2018 county average from 4% to 12%.
  - Have little effect on Mortimer's electoral fairness.

### **Balance between Electoral Fairness and Local Democracy**

10. The facts and inferences presented in paras 3-7 above show that the inclusion of Richards Castle in the proposed Mortimer Ward will significantly militate against

- its interests and identity
- the effectiveness and convenience of its participation in local government
- the extent of its representation by a disconnected Ward Councillor

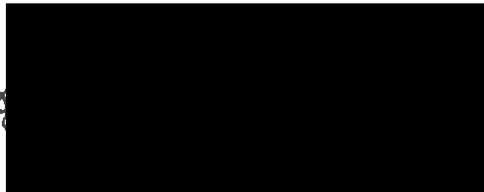
11. The Commission's data in electoral numbers in the affected Wards (para 8 above) show that remedying this issue by re-allocating Richards Castle to Kingsland Ward has no ill effect on Mortimer Ward but does reduce the potency of each Kingsland elector's vote by about 7%.

12. We submit that this reduction of electoral fairness

- is small enough to cause no concern amongst the Kingsland electors, and no ill effect on Councillor candidates.
- is justified by the avoidance of significant degradation of the workings of local democracy in Richards Castle

13. We therefore request that the Commission re-allocate Richards Castle to the Kingsland Ward.

Yours faithfully

  
Rosemary Thomas  
Chairman, Richards Castle (Hereford) Parish Council

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# ROSS-ON-WYE TOWN COUNCIL

14 December 2012

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Mrs L Ward  
Review Officer (Herefordshire)  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
Layden House  
76-86 Turnmill Street  
London  
EC1M 5LG

Dear Mrs Ward

## **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HEREFORDSHIRE – DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Your letter of 13 November refers.

The Town Council discussed the contents of your letter at a recent meeting and the following resolution was passed:

*Ross-on-Wye Town Council notes the latest draft recommendations in respect of the Ross area by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. This includes the recommendation that the parish of Ross Rural should continue to be included in the County Council Wards for Ross Town.*

*This Council also notes that all 11 representations made to the Boundary Commission in the latest consultation period supported the Council's position that the communities of Greytrees and Hildersley should be included in a warding pattern with Ross Town.*

*This Council strongly supports both this recommendation and the recommendation for single member wards*

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Mason  
Town Clerk

## Ward, Lucy

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**From:** Barbara Stanway [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 December 2012 15:27  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Local Government Boundary Commission Consultation - Bromyard, Herefordshire



19<sup>th</sup> December 2012

Dear Sirs,

At a meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012 members debated the new proposals for warding arrangements as they affect the Ward of Bromyard and Winslow.

After much debate members resolved to respond as follows;

*This Council rejects the proposals put forward by the Local Government Boundary Commission as it finds the division of Bromyard Town to be totally unacceptable.*

Yours faithfully

*Barbara Stanway*

Assistant Town Clerk  
Bromyard & Winslow Town Council

## Ward, Lucy

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**From:** Malcolm Walker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 January 2013 16:34  
**To:** Ward, Lucy  
**Cc:** Chris Jarvis; Margaret Lloyd; Mark Chester; Parsons Mark J; Nic Eynon; James Knipe  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed New Ward Name

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Lucy,  
I am advised that a joint meeting was held today with all the relevant parishes in the new Ward being represented.

The name for what had been "The Valletts" and was proposed to be "Kingstone" that I have been asked to submit for this new Ward is "Wormside"

Wormside is a locally known name used by other organisations and has the support of the current Ward Councillor Mr. Jim Knipe

Thanking you in anticipation

Malcolm Walker  
Clerk to Kilpeck Group Parish Council

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Ward, Lucy](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2012 4:32 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed New Ward Name

Dear Mr Walker

Thank you for your email Consultation will end on 7<sup>th</sup> January and unfortunately this date cannot be changed; we encourage you and the other Parish Councils to contact us by then. In order for your submission to have the best chance of being adopted it will need supporting evidence.

Kind regards,

Lucy

**Lucy Ward**  
**Review Officer**  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
Layden House  
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**From:** Malcolm Walker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 16, 2012 11:14 AM  
**To:** Gall, Archie  
**Subject:** Proposed New Ward Name

Dear Sir,

Kilpeck Group Parish Council in Herefordshire at their December meeting considered the draft recommendations of the Boundary Commission and concluded that while they had no objections to the revised area of the Boundary would however, like the name of the Ward to be more reflective of the geographical area rather than the single location of "Kingstone"

One suggestion being "Golden Valley East" as there is already a North and a South.

The purpose of the email is to request an extension to this fairly short period allocated to consider your proposals, as you will appreciate your recommendations were only received in mid to late November.

Kilpeck Group Parish Council have contacted the other members of the new Ward with a view to arranging a joint meeting to agree an all inclusive name.

Thanking you in anticipation

Malcolm Walker  
Clerk to Kilpeck Group Parish Council

## Ward, Lucy

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**From:** Reviews@  
**Sent:** 07 January 2013 22:32  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Custom Form Submission Received



### Custom Form Submission Received

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Review Editor,

A new custom form submission has been received. The details of the form submission are as follows:

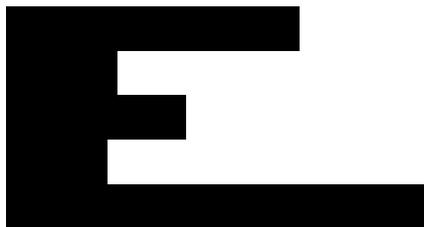
#### Submission Information

**Custom Form:** Online submissions form (#183)  
**Form URL:** <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-consultations/online-submissions-form>  
**Submission ID:** 1668  
**Time of Submission:** Jan 7th 2013 at 10:32pm  
**IP Address:** [REDACTED]

#### Form Answers

**Name:** Terry Widdows

**Address 1:**



**Area your submission refers to:**

Herefordshire

**Organisation you belong to:**

parish/town council

**Your feedback:**

I believe that a split in the Ledbury ward in both the county and parish councils from the current 3 ward county system and the 1 ward town council would be extremely detrimental to the Ledbury community. By splitting the ward would create a town that has no sense of togetherness. No clear lines of who does what and also the proposed areas seem to have not taken into account any future housing development as outlined in the local development framework. The people of the town would not know who their councillors are which would create divisions when everyone should be working as a greater goal for the community. There has been no support for a single ward at all from anyone which goes to show that it is unwanted and a waste of time to implement it.