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The Boundaries Commission draft proposal does not comply with statutory criteria or indeed follow its own guidelines. The proposals fail to reflect the interests and identities of our area's communities. Just one Example is needed to show that not much thought has gone into keep communities together and current local identities. The inclusion of an area, part of Stourport with half of Bewdley town in the proposed Seven Valley ward is clearly absurd. Transport links and interaction between the two towns are small compared to use of individual town centres or the use of facilities in Kidderminster. Stourport and Bewdley are historically and culturally distinct and do not share a common identity. We (UKIP) suggest The Boundaries Commission consider the cost saving potential and convenience of basing the new District Ward Boundaries on the established County Boundaries currently being used anyway for the County Elections, just to add more confusion to the public. In this way the desired reduction in Councillor Numbers could be VERY easily achieved in a way that can be readily understood and accepted by the community at large. We have grave concerns that the Draft proposals by the Boundaries Commission would have the effect of alienating yet more people in the community from the democratic process. According to the Boundary Commission's own figures, the cost of this project is likely to be £80,700. The additional costs to WFDC cannot be extrapolated and can therefore only be guessed at. There is a much simpler approach to all of this that keeps communities together, easily identifiable boundaries, and no need to spend lots of money doing it.

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