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June 19th

The Review Officer (Wyre Forest)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England,
Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill St.,
London,
EC1M 5LG

Dear Sir,

I am the longest serving member of Wyre Forest DC having served continuously since the 1973 initial election after Local Government Reorganisation. For that entire period I have represented the Offmore Comberton area. My late husband represented the same area on both Wyre Forest DC and Hereford and Worcester (and then Worcestershire County Councils) from 1973 until his death in 2007. I was elected to Worcestershire county Council in 2001, representing the Kidderminster St George and St Oswalds Division and served until 2008 when I moved Divisions to represent my late husband's Division of St. Chads where I continue to be the County Cllr having been re elected in 2013.

It is my belief that, probably within the next five years, a further Local Government Reorganisation in this area will see either a Unitary North Worcester-shire OR a Unitary Worcestershire Council being formed. Either way I would expect that such an authority would be based on the Electoral Divisions of the existing Worcestershire County Council.

Currently my St. Chads Division of WCC comprises the whole of the WFDC Offmore and Comberton Ward plus part of the WFDC Greenhill Ward.

If your proposals for Re-Warding of Wyre Forest DC are accepted, The Offmore Comberton A and B Polling Districts will stay in Offmore Comberton but the Offmore Comberton C Polling District (still part of my WCC Division) moves to WFDC Aggborough and Spennells Ward. The Greenhill A2-1 Polling District, which is in my County Division comes into WFDC Offmore Comberton. The GR-C2 Division, which is in the St. George and St. Oswalds County Division moves into WFDC Offmore and Comberton as does GR-D2 which is also in WCC St George and St Oswalds. Wyre Forest DC proposes that GR-D1 should move into Offmore Comberton rather than Aggborough and Spennells which I support. You propose to move GR-C, St George and St Oswalds WCC Division, into Offmore and Comberton whilst moving GR-C1, which is in WCC St. Chads into WFDC Aggborough and Spennells. You then propose to move GR-A1 which is in WCC St George and St Oswalds into Offmore and Comberton from which it is physically separated by the recently "de-trunked"

Dual carriageway A456 Birmingham Rd.

If your proposals were to be accepted, the St. Chads County Division would be split between WFDC Offmore and Comberton and WFDC Aggborough and Spennells whilst WFDC Offmore and Comberton would be split between WCC St Chads and WCC St George and St Oswalds. This would mean that 3 WFDC Cllrs would have to work with 2 WCC Cllrs and as County Cllr we would have to work with 6 WFDC Cllrs from different Wards. This is not going to be efficient and is not going to be easily understood by the Electorate.

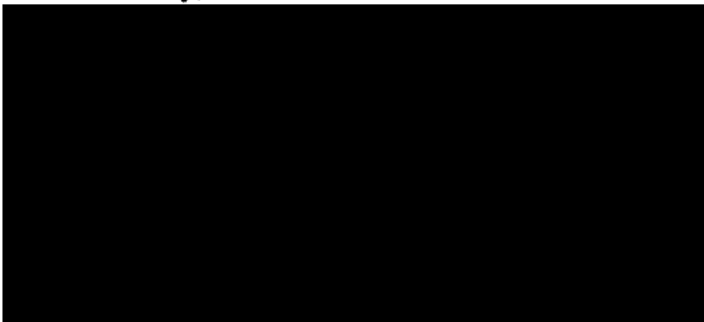
A much simpler, more logical and easily understood proposal would be for Wyre Forest DC to consist of 30 Councillors: 24 based on 3 members per Ward in the existing County Divisions which cover Bewdley, Wribbenhall, Wolverley, Cookley, Blakedown, Chaddesley and the town of Kidderminster and 6 District Councillors covering Stourport which is already a 2 member WCC Division.

Not only would such an Electoral arrangement be far less muddling for the Electorate who already understand the County Divisions; it would also facilitate a future move to Unitary Status whilst making collaboration between County and District Councillors much easier to achieve in the meantime!

Worcestershire County Council intends that County Councillors should be the "go to" person within their Divisions; we need electoral arrangements which facilitate this not make it more difficult.

My proposals have the backing of the Wyre Forest Liberal and Radical Assoc of which I am Secretary.

Yours Sincerely,



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