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I wish to comment on the warding arrangements for the Hagley area of Bromsgrove District if the proposed ('minded to') recommendation to reduce the membership to 31 councillors proceeded with (despite mine and many others opposition)

I believe that it is very important that the village of Hagley is represented by the minimum number of wards. Currently the village is divided into two 2 member wards (Hagley and part of Furlongs.) This is despite my perception there is little difference in the wants and needs of the Hagley village population whichever ward they live in, coupled with my perception that there is very little commonality in the wants and needs of the Hagley village part of Furlongs compared with those in the remainder of Furlongs ward.

It is in my opinion vital the the new boundaries must ensure that the whole of the village of Hagley is within either one 2 member ward (this my preference) or two/three single member wards. The term village is easily defined by a quick glance at the map and also by the boundary used to define the voting location for those who live in Hagley village but are located in Furlongs ward and therefore vote in Hagley village normally at the Hagley Community Centre alongside those who live in the Hagley ward. None of these Hagley wards should cover areas such as Clent outside the village boundary as the wants and needs of those residents is likely to different to Hagley village residents

In this way the village would no longer be split where there is not a wants and needs split.

My preference is for a two member warding as that it allows the ready availability of a second accountable Councillor in the event of holidays, illness etc It also encourages Councillors to concentrate their knowledge and interests where they are best aimed. The system currently works well at the moment and I see no logical reason to change it

In this way the overall views of the electorate can be best represented.

Yours Suincerely

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