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Electoral Review of Test Valley

I support the comments made by our TVBC Councillor Ben Few Brown regarding the rearrangement of ward boundaries in the areas adjoining Quarley Parish. These were that amalgamating two wards and dropping one councillor is not a good idea as it would spread the resulting councillors too thinly over too big an area. A better idea would be to include Abbotts Ann in the Amport Ward and keep one councillor and reduce the now smaller Anna Ward to one councillor, thereby focussing each councillor on a smaller Ward.

My reason for supporting the above is that I am concerned that onerous councillor workloads can lead to those in full time employment not wanting to put themselves forward for election for fear that Council duties will compromise work commitments. This in turn could lead to the council being dominated by the elderly/retired .I feel that it is important the Council has a varied membership including those younger residents in full time employment, even if they are travelling each day to London work.

Yours faithfully

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