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Dear Sirs

The Bewdley Town Council met last night and considered this matter namely whether the Wyre Forest District Council should be reduced in size to 33 Councillors from the present number of 42.

It was noted that the District Council had recently voted to retain election by thirds there not being sufficient a majority for a proposal to have "all-out" elections once every four years.

It was also suggested that the redrawing of Ward boundaries to accommodate 33 Councillors instead of 42 may not be straightforward – whether it was 11 Wards each represented by three Councillors or some other combination ie there may be one, two or three member wards.

The point was also made that given there appears to be inevitable pressure exerted by the government towards unitary authorities, it would seem rather perverse and a waste of money if having spent time and effort on putting in place a new regime to provide for 33 Councillors, it was then scrapped because of the need to redraw boundaries again to cater for unitary status.

Nevertheless despite reservations including the above, it was resolved to **support** the Commission's view that people in Wyre Forest should be represented by 33 Councillors ie nine fewer than at present.

Yours faithfully

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