



WYRE FOREST
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Re. Wyre Forest Electoral Review. 6/12/2013

Dear Sir / Madam,

As District Councillor for Cookley (CO-A) I wish to make the following submission. Cookley has its own very separate and unique identity and is very much a community. It has its own school, shops including a post office, village hall and sports club, church, pubs and Steel Wheels, which in different forms, has been a major employer for centuries. We also have Drumant House, Austcliffe Holiday Park (an 11 month licence), Westley Court and the Sea Castle Site. Our electorate is 2018 and likely to grow with the development of the Sea Castle Site which will have an element of residential development.

The District Council is proposing a huge rural ward which, in addition to Cookley will have Wolverley (WO-A), Blakedown (BL-A, BL-B, BL-C) and Chaddesley Corbett (BL-D, BL-E, BL-F, BL-G, BL-H).

Cookley has historical links with Wolverley. We have our own Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council, the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal, and our children go from Cookley Sebright Primary School to Wolverley High School so there is merit in creating a Cookley and Wolverley ward with 2 members. Although the total electorate would be 3787 (Cookley 2018, Wolverley 1769) the crucial element here is community and not numbers. Cookley and Wolverley has very little in common with Blakedown and nothing at all with Chaddesley Corbett which is miles away from our area. A 2 member ward of Wolverley and Cookley would be far better and more appropriate for the needs of our communities and reflect our geographical and historic links. The implication is that Blakedown (1594) and Chaddesley Corbett (1783) would remain a 2 member ward. To accommodate this the number of Wyre Forest Councillors would be increased from 33 to 34.

Yours faithfully,



C. S. Nicholls