

Parish and town council submissions to the Herefordshire Council electoral review.

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Lawrence, Arion

From: Hinds, Alex
Sent: 26 April 2012 09:57
To: Lawrence, Arion
Subject: FW: Electoral review of Herefordshire
See email

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From: Karen [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 April 2012 09:45
To: Reviews@
Subject: Electoral review of Herefordshire

Dear Mr Lawrence,

Thank you for your letter advising of the above, our comments are as follows:

We would agree with you and Herefordshire Council that a reduction to 54 Councillors to serve Herefordshire seems appropriate. We do, however, have concerns that rural parishes are not "left behind" and that the main focus should not just be on larger towns and parishes.

We have also had concerns raised to us in the past regarding school admissions, being in the catchment area for Wigmore High School. Some children in our parish have in the first instance not been allocated a place, following a complaint to the education department this decision was reversed. Parents do not want to find themselves in a situation where if they have more than one child, they attend different schools, or in fact not be able to attend the designated school for their area.

Regards
Karen Yates-Clerk
Brimfield & Little Hereford Group Parish Council

Lawrence, Arion

From: Reviews@
Sent: 08 May 2012 17:25
To: Reviews@
Subject: Custom Form Submission Received

 - Custom Form Submission Notification

Custom Form Submission Received

Review Editor,

A new custom form submission has been received. The details of the form submission are as follows:

Submission Information

Custom Form: Online submissions form (#183)
Form URL: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-consultations/online-submissions-form>
Submission ID: 1108
Time of Submission: May 8th 2012 at 4:25pm
IP Address: [REDACTED]

Form Answers

Name: Burghill Parish Council
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Area your submission refers to: Herefordshire

Organisation you belong to: parish/town council

Your feedback: Burghill Parish Council (BPC) would like to respond as follows to the proposal to reduce the number of Herefordshire Council members from 58 to 54:

The reduction to 54 councillors will have a detrimental effect on the council's ability to take decisions for Herefordshire effectively for the following reasons:

• Herefordshire Council (HC) has itself acknowledged that the decrease in members will increase an already heavy workload for its Members. BPC has been informed that HC's Scrutiny Committee is unable to cope with the current level of work resulting in a second committee being proposed.

• An increased workload is likely to prevent the electorate of

the county from being adequately represented by a wide cross section of the community, particularly deterring employed women with families and people in full-time employment from representing their communities on the Council due to the considerable time commitment required to fulfil the role.

Â· BPC is at a loss to understand fully the reasons for HC's reduction proposal and is concerned that political interference may have taken place. HC did not consult with the parishes or the local electorate it serves and represents before making the proposal.

Â· This issue of too great a workload would be exacerbated when wards are merged giving the remaining councillors more parishes to support and liaise with in addition to the requirement to serve on committees. Herefordshire has over 134 parishes, some wards are made up of 5 or 6 parishes admittedly with a smaller electorate but all of which hold parish council meetings (many as often as monthly), which Herefordshire Councillors are expected to attend.

Â· Reduction to 54 councillors will necessitate alteration to ward boundaries, which was last carried out as recently as 2003, less than 10 years ago. Since then ward members and parish councils have worked hard to establish the identity of the communities within the wards and build relationships between parishes and HC ward members, and that work will have to be repeated particularly by parish councillors who work on an entirely un-paid volunteer basis. Redefining ward boundaries yet again will have a de-stabilising effect on the affected parishes.

Â· Redefining ward boundaries will contradict the considerable amount of work carried out recently by HC to implement its Locality Strategy; wards will be dissected and reassembled requiring a further level of identity change as parishes move from one locality to another.

Â· The statistics being used to support the proposal to reconfigure wards and alter boundaries are based on residential development proposals within the Core Strategy of the Local Development Framework which has not been approved, and has been vigorously opposed by local people and parish councils.

In conclusion Burghill Parish Council does not consider that 54 councillors is a sufficient number for HC to adequately support and represent the communities and parishes of the county. Any reduction in numbers will increase workload and have a detrimental effect on ward councillors' ability to devote time and energy to supporting parishes and communities with local issues and projects.

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From: Fownclerk Fownhope [fownhopeclerk@hotmail.com]

Sent: 08 May 2012 13:20

To: Reviews@

Subject: Herefordshire boundary review

FAO Review Officer (Herefordshire)

I would like to put forward comments from two parish councils in herefordshire:

Fownhope Parish Council - the proposed reduction to 54 councillors seems logical. Councillors want to see the retention of parish council boundaries within the new wards.

Dormington & Mordiford Group Parish Council - feel the proposed reduction is logical and makes sense.

Regards,

Mel Preedy,

Clerk to Fownhope Parish Council

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27th April 2012

The Review Officer (Herefordshire)

Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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LOCAL BOUNDARY REVIEW of WARD COUNCILLORS

Dear Sirs

We wish to bring to your attention our very grave concerns regarding the proposed reduction in Ward Councillors from 58 to 54. We are a rural parish on the outskirts of Hereford City in a very rural widespread county. This parish is not compatible with the city ward due to the very differing needs and existing established community, this is contradictory to the Localism Bill. This proposal would erode the identities of local communities of very long standing, which have operated efficiently alone and with neighbouring parishes to the benefit of all. This parish has examples of "Joint working" and collaboration with other parishes. This approach has empowered the communities to serve and communicate effectively with their electorate.

The Parish Council strongly opposes the splitting of parishes, particularly as the Roman Road has historically been the boundary between the city and the north county boundary, any proposal should emanate from the city centre to retain the formal historic plan. This Parish has operated efficiently and effectively and we see no reason to change this and incur unnecessary costs within this very difficult economic climate.

Consultation has to be open and transparent between all parties, without any action being implemented or imposed without agreement. The Parish Council noted that there are current ward anomalies, which should be integrated into neighbouring wards in preference to the breakup of existing model sized wards. It seems that to increase the workload and pressure of very hard working Councillors who have their communities interests at heart is incomprehensible as at this early stage we do not know the implications this would be on Health and Social Care Bill as directed by central government. This and other Wards should be retained for the foreseeable future, as this County went through a Boundary Review approximately nine years ago.

In conclusion, Holmer Parish Council supports the retention of 58 ward councillors for Herefordshire in order to ensure a democratic and balanced outcome on behalf of their electorate.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Neil Duggan Chairman for Holmer & Shelwick parish Council

Lawrence, Arion

From: Hinds, Alex
Sent: 24 April 2012 13:57
To: Lawrence, Arion
Subject: FW: Electoral Review of Herefordshire
See below

Thanks

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From: Christina Bromage [mailto:townclerk@leominstertowncouncil.gov.uk]
Sent: 24 April 2012 10:40
To: Reviews@
Subject: Electoral Review of Herefordshire

Leominster Town Council would like to support the retention of 58 Ward Councillors in Herefordshire.

Christina Bromage

Christina Bromage
Town Clerk
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27 April 2012

**Review Officer (Herefordshire)
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Dear Arion Lawrence,

Luston Group Parish Council wishes to express its concern that the proposed reduction in number of councillors threatens to unfairly disadvantage widely spread rural communities like our own as representatives are asked to cover ever enlarged areas and delivery of services of all types becomes more problematic. Ways should be identified to address this issue.

The Boundary Commission for England has recently published initial recommendations in its 6th General Review of Parliamentary constituencies and this already poses a similar threat to our parishioners-that of reduced contact with National representatives. Although the two reviews are completely separate, Luston Group Parish Council wishes to request that adequate attention be given, as this local review progresses, to avoid the 'double whammy' of a second threat at the local level to communities such as ours-particularly at this time of significant change resulting from e.g. the Localism Bill, planning legislation changes, etc.

Yours sincerely,

**Claire Edwards
Clerk to Luston Group Parish Council.**

Lawrence, Arion

From: Hinds, Alex

Sent: 04 May 2012 10:26

To: Lawrence, Arion

Subject: FW: Comments from Madley Parish Council on the Electoral Review of Herefordshire

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From: Carla Boyles [mailto:████████████████████]

Sent: 03 May 2012 21:27

To: Reviews@

Subject: Comments from Madley Parish Council on the Electoral Review of Herefordshire

Dear Sir or Madam

Madley Parish Council believes electoral areas should be based on geographical area and not on population and that this should be a consideration.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Carla Boyles

Clerk to Madley Parish Council

Lawrence, Arion

From: Hinds, Alex
Sent: 03 May 2012 15:01
To: Lawrence, Arion
Subject: FW: Local Government Boundaries Commission Review (Herefordshire)
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Sent: 03 May 2012 14:38
To: Reviews@
Subject: Local Government Boundaries Commission Review (Herefordshire)

Dear Sir

Please see attached.

Richard Gould
clerk
Marden Parish Council.

Lawrence, Arion

From: Hinds, Alex
Sent: 02 May 2012 09:30
To: Lawrence, Arion
Subject: FW: Electoral Review of Herefordshire
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From: Clerk OrletonPC [mailto:clerk.orletonpc@gmail.com]
Sent: 01 May 2012 14:43
To: Reviews@
Subject: Electoral Review of Herefordshire

Orleton Parish Council thinks every ward is important. Our Local Councillor for Bircher Ward is very good, he attends all parish council meetings, reports to parish council and follows through with Herefordshire Council

Lawrence, Arion

From: Reviews@
Sent: 08 May 2012 21:34
To: Reviews@
Subject: Custom Form Submission Received

 - Custom Form Submission Notification

Custom Form Submission Received

Review Editor,

A new custom form submission has been received. The details of the form submission are as follows:

Submission Information

Custom Form: Online submissions form (#183)
Form URL: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-consultations/online-submissions-form>
Submission ID: 1111
Time of Submission: May 8th 2012 at 8:33pm
IP Address: [REDACTED]

Form Answers

Name: Pipe and Lyde Parish Council
Address 1: Towtree House
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Address 3: Hereford
Postcode: HR4 7AW
Email Address: burghillparishclerk@gmail.com

Area your submission refers to: Milton Keynes

Organisation you belong to: parish/town council

Your feedback: Pipe and Lyde Parish Council (PLPC) works closely with neighbouring parishes within the ward and has collaborated with Burghill Parish Council with regard to this review. PLPC would like to respond as follows to the proposal to reduce the number of Herefordshire Council members from 58 to 54:

The reduction to 54 councillors will have a detrimental effect on the council's ability to take decisions for Herefordshire effectively for the following reasons:

• Herefordshire Council (HC) has itself acknowledged that the decrease in members will increase an already heavy workload for its Members. BPC has been informed that HC's Scrutiny Committee is unable to cope with the current level of work resulting in a second committee being proposed

Lawrence, Arion

From: janet chester [pixleyclerk@btinternet.com]

Sent: 08 May 2012 10:25

To: Reviews@

Subject: Electoral review of Herefordshire

Dear Sir / Madam

Regarding the Electoral review of Herefordshire, the views of Pixley and District Parish Council are:-

1. Most importantly the Parish Council wishes to remain a rural group and not become dominated by a local town. Rural views are decidedly different to those of a town/city.
2. The proposed reduction in number of councillors leads to concerns of the weakening of liaison and communication links between county and parish.

Kind Regards

JLChester

Janet Chester
Clerk to Pixley and District Parish Council

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Lawrence, Arion

From: Walford Parish Clerk [walfordparishclerk@tiscali.co.uk]

Sent: 08 May 2012 15:10

To: Reviews@

Subject: Walford Parish Council submission

Dear Sirs,

I can confirm that there are no objections from Walford Parish Council members to the proposed Council size of 54, as outlined in your Electoral Review of Herefordshire.

Kind Regards

Catherine Murray

Catherine Murray

walford parish clerk

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Lawrence, Arion

From: Gregory, Eleanor
Sent: 23 April 2012 10:20
To: Lawrence, Arion
Subject: FW: electoral review of herefordshire

From: parish clerk yarkhill [mailto:yarkhill@live.co.uk]
Sent: 23 April 2012 01:16
To: Reviews@
Subject: electoral review of herefordshire

Dear Review Officer,

At an Extraordinary General Meeting on April 18th 2012 which our Ward Councillor attended-Patricia Morgan- and explained the report more clearly, Yarkhill Parish Council unanimously voted for reducing the numbers of Councillors to 54 providing that number can manage the work load expected. We sincerely hope that this will not prevent us continuing to have the support and help that Patricia Morgan provides for us.

Hazel Walter Parish Clerk

Lawrence, Arion

From: Hinds, Alex
Sent: 27 April 2012 10:10
To: Lawrence, Arion
Subject: FW: consultation on ward boundaries, herefordshire
 Arion,

Please see email below regarding Herefordshire FER consultation.

Thanks

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From: yarpolegroup [mailto:yarpolegroup@gmail.com]
Sent: 26 April 2012 16:23
To: Reviews@
Cc: audrey bott; colin knight; david niblett; duncan grant; Iris Lawson; Jonny Mountford; michael denny; Philippa Alexander; sebastian bowen; Tony Paterson
Subject: consultation on ward boundaries, herefordshire

Dear Review Officer (Herefordshire),

I am writing with regard to the current consultation on whether Herefordshire Council should be represented by 54 councillors, four fewer than under the current arrangements.

Yarpole Group Parish Council strongly object to such a change, on the grounds that:

1. This proposal is based on 30% of the county wards being 10% over or under the 'ideal' ward size (indicated to be 2,630 electors). if this is the only criteria by which the decision to reduce the wards is being made, then can you explain why only 15% of the wards are being abolished under this proposal (4, as opposed to 7 or 8), and how you intend to select which 4 these are to be? Why have you not clearly stated what the full criteria for your decision to abolish 4 wards are?
2. This council feels strongly that what matters is not the *size* of the ward, but the *nature* of the ward, with regard to issues of locality demography such as age, sex, employment, habitation clusters..
3. It is felt that this consultation is too limited in its range at this early stage - if 4 wards have already been suggested for removal then this should be made transparent at this stage, rather than presenting a seemingly innocuous question, the answer to which could have serious consequences for some particularly successful and happy ward demographies.

Yours faithfully,

Jo

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Jo King

Clerk

Yarpole Group Parish Council

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Lawrence, Arion

From: Much Birch Parish Clerk [muchbirchclerk@hotmail.co.uk]

Sent: 11 May 2012 12:31

To: Lawrence, Arion

Subject: Herefordshire boundary review

Dear Mr Lawrence,

Please find below comments from Much Birch Parish Council in respect of the ward boundary review (following our conversation last week about the late submission):

The Parish Council has some concerns over the work load of ward members, who often already represent many Parish Councils. Ward members may find it difficult to actively represent the views of their constituents as well as working closely with Parish Councils if the ward boundaries become too large. Fair representation may be particularly apparent in rural areas where a diverse range of constituent problems arise.

Regards,

Melanie Preedy
Temporary Parish Clerk

Lawrence, Arion

From: Hinds, Alex
Sent: 14 May 2012 10:17
To: Lawrence, Arion
Subject: FW: Review of Local Government Boundaries, Herefordshire

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From: Moreton PC [mailto:moretonpc@rdgould.plus.com]
Sent: 11 May 2012 10:29
To: Reviews@
Subject: Review of Local Government Boundaries, Herefordshire

Dear Sir

Moreton-on-Lugg Parish Council have no comment to make on the proposed reduction in the size of Herefordshire Council. The parish council would be pleased to receive further consultation on the other proposed changes when they are proposed.

Yours faithfully,
Richard Gould
Clerk
Moreton-on-Lugg Parish Council.