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Comment text:

I write both as a resident of Bewdley and Chair of the Bewdley Branch Labour Party. The proposals which have been put forward are based almost completely on the submission made by the Conservative group on WFDC. These were made with party political interest in mind. The wards which have disappeared are largely the ones in which labour held the seat or at least stood a chance of winning. These have now been swept away to create large middle class wards in which Labour voters are now heavily outnumbered. As a Bewdley resident, I am especially concerned by the new Severn Valley ward which combines Wribbenhall, an ancient settlement in Bewdley, with Lickhill which is a housing estate in Stourport. There is no community identity between these two areas at all. They are not connected in any way. Wribbenhall is quite clearly a part of Bewdley and Lickhill is likewise clearly part of Stourport. If Wribbenhall is not considered big enough to be a ward in its own right, then it should be linked into Bewdley rather than annexed into Stourport. There is no common community or identity at all. I am still at a loss to know how democracy is improved by giving more residents to each Councillor. They are already overburdened by workload. I consider the whole review to be misplaced. The consultation would be better served by considering the value of a unitary authority and removing the District Council layer of local government altogether. Thank you for the opportunity to make comments...however, the process is not simplethe site is hard to find and the text box in which I am writing at the moment does not actually display what I am writing. It keeps defaulting back to the first line of the box...sorry for any typos which have resulted!

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