

# Gloucestershire

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## Comment text:

I was born in 1948 and have lived in Uley for most of my life and currently do so. I am a former chairman of Uley Parish Council and am currently the Secretary of the Uley with Owlpen and Nympsfield Parochial Church Council. I have worked as a solicitor in Dursley for some 40 years. I strongly oppose the proposal to transfer Owlpen to the Wotton Division I have seen many of the objections submitted by Owlpen residents and I strongly support them.

The links between the parishes of Uley and Owlpen are extremely strong and have subsisted for very very many years. The Village Hall in Uley was built as joint venture between the two parishes and was originally named The Uley and Owlpen Hall. It has been the polling station for local and parliamentary election for as long as Owlpen has been a civil parish in its own right. It is an easy walk from the centre of the community of Owlpen to Uley for those wanting to vote, use the Uley shop and indeed the Uley Pub. The two communities consider themselves as one. Owlpen has never had any connection with Wotton and it will be a very considerable challenge for someone to represent the local government interests of Owlpen if that same person is looking after the interests of a vibrant and strong community such as the town of Wotton which has nothing in common with Owlpen except a boundary line on a map.

Owlpen also has a close association with Dursley which is strengthened by the bus route. There is no bus from Owlpen to Wotton.

Given the small number of voters who live in Owlpen there can be no logical reason for seeking to make the transfer which seems to be an ill thought out proposal made by looking at a map and without taking into account the actual situation on the ground and the requirements of the people involved.

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**Attached Documents:**

*None attached*