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Related subject: Owlpen

Dear Sir,

I am writing to record my strong objection to the Local Government Boundary Commission's proposal to move Owlpen Parish Meeting from Dursley division to Wotton-under-Edge division. This is now the first time this particular change has been mooted and I hope that, as in the past, it will be rejected as unnecessary, illogical, destructive and geographically unsound.

Owlpen may be small, population under 40, but it punches above its weight in terms of civic activity and responsibility, and with its close links to neighbouring Uley, which shares the same valley, forms a formidable force when needed to fund raise for local amenities - sports ground, surgery, bus shelters - to resist unsuitable development - telecom mast - and other matters of local concern. Once a policy has been discussed and agreed by both Owlpen and Uley, we have their backs and they have ours.

To Owlpen residents, Wotton under Edge, six miles away in a different valley and separated by a steep winding hill, is a largely unknown quantity, seldom visited because the services it provides can be found nearer at hand in Uley or Dursley. In terms of numbers, Owlpen's small population would have little chance of influencing affairs in Wotton, effectively disenfranchising them from local government.

I hope you will consider the above, and decide not to pursue this proposal, bearing in mind the sensible old adage, 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it.'

Attached Documents:

None attached