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The Shropshire Unitary Authority Review  
Boundary Committee for England  
Trevelyan House  
Great Peter Street  
LONDON  
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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Unitary Authority Electoral Review of Shropshire**

I have been provided with proposals for the Boundary Review of Shropshire for the new Unitary Authority from Shropshire County Council.

On behalf of Ludford Parish Council I am making this representation, to object to the proposals, as they affect Ludford. As requested, I suggest alternative boundaries.

Ludford Parish Council object to being combined with parts of Ludlow as Ludlow is an urban area.

Ludford Parish should be linked to other rural parishes in the District as the needs of an urban area are different from a rural parish.

The larger urban areas overwhelm the smaller populations of the rural parishes.

The boundaries proposed by Shropshire County Council with which they supplied proposal maps have been designed, I understand, to produce areas of approximately 3,000 electors per district. The figures provided on the maps demonstrate the extent to which this has been achieved.

There have been compromises in order to produce logical areas, rather than slavishly meeting the 3k targets.

The difference between SO3 electors, at 2,436 and C24, at 4,170 represents some 71%. There are obviously, opportunities to meet local needs within the overall strategy.

It would be possible to produce numerous options.

The Parish Council has produced an option, as requested, which divorces Ludford from Ludlow. The details are as follows:

1. Revised S12 now needs a designated number, possibly SO10. It combines Ludford, Richard's Castle, Ashford Carbonell & Ashford Bowdler with Caynham – Clee Hill, Caynham – Knowbury & Bitterley =2,869
2. SO12 Burford = 2,592
3. Combine SO8 with SO9 (remaining = Ludlow Gallows Bank @ 2,082), To produce a 2 member constituency for Ludlow of 5,282 = 2,641 per member. Bromfield could be transferred to this group from SO7, to increase the average to 2,769.

At present S12 is one of the 3 largest constituencies, with 3,687 the suggested proposals would reduce the size nearer to the average.

The 2 member Ludlow group of SO8 + SO9 (reduced) is then almost exactly the same size, at 2,769, as the 2 member S13 group = 2,771.

SO12, concentrated on Burford, is still larger than, for example SO3 & S22.

I would be grateful if the Commission will take Ludford Parish Council observations into consideration

Yours Faithfully

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