

Lesley Griffiths AM
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Dear Ms Griffiths,

Review of Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Wrexham
Burton & Rossett Ward

As a resident of Rossett Ward I am writing to strongly oppose the proposals by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission to remove the Burton Ward from Rossett and attach it to Llay. The proposals are illogical on a number of grounds,

- The topography and geography of Burton and Llay are such that it would not produce a cohesive community:
- Transferring the whole of the West side of Chester Road, together with Station Road to Llay results in the Parish Church, Presbyterian Church, Doctors Surgery, Dentists Surgery, 1st Rossett Scout and Guide Headquarters and Cemetery to Llay effectively removes the heart from the community.
- The proposal is contrary to your own statements “This Government remains committed to supporting a Wales where cohesive communities are resilient, fair and equal. This means listening to the views of our communities to promote positive inclusion and continually identify barriers and how they can be overcome.”
- Contrary to the ministerial statement by Julie Morgan AM as recently as November 2019 “Government cannot create communities, but we can foster environments where these links are broadened and deepened. We want a Wales of connected communities”
- A Councillor living in Llay, with its attendant issues could not possibly serve the Burton Ward.
- The Commission’s own report shows that on the 2023 figures the Burton Llay Ward will have an +34% on its target ratio, simply moving the problem from Rossett to Llay where the socio-economic factors lead to greater demand on Councillor support.

In the light of the above can you please answer the following:- 1, do you support the recommendations and 2: what action are you taking to represent the overwhelming opposition from the residents of both Burton and Rossett.

Yours sincerely

The Chief Executive
Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales
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- Burton has always had close community links with Rossett and this proposal would strongly effect that feeling of community.
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- The proposal is contrary to Lesley Griffiths, our local AM's statements "This Government remains committed to supporting a Wales where cohesive communities are resilient, fair and equal. This means listening to the views of our communities to promote positive inclusion and continually identify barriers and how they can be overcome."
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The proposal appears to be based purely on calculation of numbers with no consideration for the impact on members of the community. In times when there's an ever increasing need for communities to work together this proposal would only serve to dismantle our community. For these reasons I strongly oppose this proposal and request reconsideration to ensure the community of Burton and Rossett are not fragmented.

Yours sincerely