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Rural settings tend to lead to time consuming meetings, particularly if Zoom type meetings will continue to be illegal. I believe it is important for councillors to show a face, as well as contributing to committees and other work. I agree with comments backing this up, made by councillors on your review document. So I would leave rural parishes alone. Consequently my choice would be to reduce the number of councillors in town settings. My first choice for a reduction would be in Droitwich. This currently has 9 councillors for a total pop of 18418, giving an arithmetic mean of 2046 / councillor. This is about 250 less than the average for all Wychavon wards. It is surely easier to change boundaries in an urban setting without unduly upsetting the locals. In any case, it is easy to imagine that most residents would not be able to state which district ward they are in. A reduction to 8 wards would produce a mean average of 2302, only a little more than the current average for Wychavon of 2268. Similarly Evesham currently has 4 councillors, which if reduced to 3 would have an average of 2578. This would be my second candidate. Although Pershore has three councillors the town is growing fast, especially so with the proposed developments in the SWDP Review e.g. near Tiddesley Wood as well as the current large and continuing developments around Station Rd.

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