Ward Boundary Review – alternative proposals for LGBC ward names

- The Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) is consulting on the names it has suggested for its proposed new warding arrangements in Herefordshire.
- The Electoral Review Working Group has considered the alternatives, and sets out its preferred ward names below, together with a brief rationale where appropriate.
- The Working Group's proposals are based on the following general principles:
 - Where proposed wards are broadly similar to existing ones (i.e. only changed by one or two parishes), it is recommended that the current name is retained for community identity purposes;
 - Wards should not be named after one constituent parish, since it is confusing to have identical names for different geographical areas and may also be interpreted as that parish being 'more important' than others.

	LGBC Name	Herefordshire recommendation	Notes and rationale
1	Ashperton	Three Crosses	This ward contains three major crossroads (roundabout) on arterial roads, which are well known to people across the county: Trumpet, Newtown and Burley Gate.
2	Aylestone Hill	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
3	Belmont Rural	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
4	Birch	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
5	Bishops Frome	Fromes Hill	No other obvious landmarks in the area, and Fromes Hill is a dominant feature within the ward.
6	Bobblestock	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
7	Bodenham	Hampton	Ward is substantially different to current Hampton Court, but contains 3 parishes with 'hampton' in their name (Hatfield & Newhampton, Hampton Charles, Docklow & Hampton Wafre). This would also keep some connection with the existing name in terms of the area of the county in which the ward is located (although Hampton Court itself is in ward 11)
8	Bromyard East	Bromyard Downs	The LGBC proposal implies an urban ward, but this covers a large rural area. Bromyard Downs is a recognised landmark in the ward, which has obvious rural connections but also brings in the name of the town
9	Bromyard West	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
10	Broomy Hill	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
11	Burghill	Queenswood	Queenswood is a landmark in north of ward that is not the name of a parish.
12	City	City Walls	Ward doesn't cover the whole of the city.

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13	Clehonger	Stoney Street	One of the most notable things about this ward is that a Roman road runs through part of it, and this has long been referred to locally as "Stoney Street". It is Members' preferred historical reference, highlighting a unique feature. Also, the proposed ward is similar to the existing ward of this name.
14	College	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
15	Colwall	Hope End	Ward is similar to current ward (lost Cradley & Wellington Heath), and still contains Hope End House.
16	Credenhill	-	Identical to current ward: recommend retaining name
17	Dinedor	Dinedor Hill	To reflect a landmark rather than a parish name.
18	Eardisley	Castle	Identical to current ward: recommend retaining name
19	Eign Hill	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
20	Fownhope	Backbury	Ward is almost identical to current ward (lost Weston Beggard). Recommend retaining existing name, which refers to Backbury Hill. Backbury Hill is a familiar local landscape feature within the ward, which is easily recognised and already accepted as a name for the area locally.
21	Golden Valley North	-	Similar to current ward: recommend retaining name
22	Golden Valley South	-	Similar to current ward: recommend retaining name
23	Grove Farm	Saxon Gate	Name of new large estate in this ward.
24	Hinton & Hunderton		Recommend accept LGBC name
25	Holmer	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
26	Kimbolton	Leominster North & Upton	This wards includes a substantial area of Leominster town, so 'Leominster north' recognises this and is consistent with the LGBCE's naming convention for the other Leominster town wards. However, it also includes a large rural area – all of which is in the current 'Upton' ward, so including this as part of the name would help with recognition.
27	Kings Acre	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
28	Kingsland	Croft	To reflect physical and historical landmarks within the ward (Croft Ambrey iron age fort and Croft Castle)
29	Kingstone		Recommend accept LGBC name
30	Kington	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
31	Ledbury North	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
32	Ledbury South	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
33	Ledbury West	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
34	Leominster East	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
35	Leominster South	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
36	Leominster West	-	Recommend accept LGBC name

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37	Llangarron	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
38	Lugwardine	Hagley	Identical to current ward: recommend retaining name
39	Mortimer	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
40	Much Marcle	Old Gore	Identical to current ward: recommend retaining name
41	Newton Farm	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
42	Pembridge	Pembridge & Lyonshall with Titley	Similar to current ward (only difference is addition of Eardisland): recommend retaining name.
43	Penyard	-	Identical to current ward: recommend retaining name
44	Red Hill	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
45	Ross East	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
46	Ross North	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
47	Ross West	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
48	Sutton Walls	-	Identical to current ward: recommend retaining name
49	Tupsley	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
50	Walford	Kerne Bridge	Identical to current ward: recommend retaining name, which is well- recognised and accepted locally, and refers to a local landmark.
51	Weobley	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
52	Whitecross	-	Recommend accept LGBC name
53	Widemarsh	-	Recommend accept LGBC name