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Dear Sirs,

## ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WARWICK DISTRICT: WARDING ARRANGEMENTS

I refer to the consultation launched by the Commission on 28<sup>th</sup> November regarding the allocation of new electoral wards for Warwick District.

The Town Council considered this matter at a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January and agreed the following response:-

1) The Council recognises the importance of arrangements that deliver electoral equality where each District Councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the District. It also places considerable emphasis on supporting a pattern of wards that, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of our local communities. The Council has therefore endorsed proposals originally put forward for consideration by Warwick District Council. These are set out in the enclosed Appendix.

2) In supporting these Ward arrangements, the Council was mindful of the Commission's third criterion, namely that electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government. Leamington Spa is a populous Parish, currently divided into 8 Wards that are coterminous with the boundaries of Wards of Warwick District. The Council firmly supports arrangements which will deliver coterminous boundaries for all Local Government elections and recommends to the Commission that the arrangements at Appendix 1 are implemented to deliver effective local government throughout Warwick District.

3) The Council also recognised the fundamental structural problem that occurs when reviews of County Divisional boundaries are undertaken separately from those of District Wards. The Council therefore requests that the Commission considers seeking changes to legislation to secure combined Electoral Reviews for all elections to local authorities within Shire Counties of England.

Yours faithfully,

  
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## Initial Warding proposal

WCC Division	WDC Ward	Councillors	1/9/17 Electorate	distance from electoral equality as 1/9/2017	1.58 electors per new build	distance from electoral equality based on 1.58 electors
Budbrooke & Bishop's Tachbrook	Budbrooke	2	5710	14	6416	14
Budbrooke & Bishop's Tachbrook	Bishop's Tachbrook	2	2289	-54	5475	-2
Cubbington & Leek Wootton	Cubbington & Leek Wootton	2	5301	6	6499	16
Cubbington & Leek Wootton	Radford & Parishes	1	2258	-10	2686	-4
Park Hill	Kenilworth Park Hill	3	7980	7	9154	9
St John's	Kenilworth St. John's	3	7825	4	8160	-3
Lapworth & West Kenilworth	Lapworth & West Kenilworth	3	6986	-7	7961	-5
Brunswick	Leamington Brunswick	3	8741	17	9293	11
Clarendon	Leamington Clarendon	3	7865	5	8100	-4
Milverton	Leamington Milverton	3	7063	-6	7188	-15
North	Leamington North	3	8653	16	8653	3
Willes	Leamington Willes	3	8037	7	9083	8
Warwick North	Warwick North	3	6978	-7	7515	-11
Warwick South	Warwick South (3)	3	5351	-29	7757	-8
Warwick South	Warwick South (1)	1	2201	-12	2348	-16
Warwick West	Warwick West	3	9252	24	9383	12
Whitnash	Whitnash	3	7365	-2	7664	-9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>109855</b>		<b>123334</b>	

Electoral equality in 2017 is 2497 electors per Councillor  
 Electoral equality in 2023 is 2803 electors per Councillor