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As a local resident I am rather dismayed that there is yet another Boundary Review and that the number of Councillors is being reduced as the whole District is experiencing massive housing growth and this will continue now that the Local Plan has been adopted. I specifically want to talk about the area known locally as Warwick North which is currently in two Warwick District Council Wards, which ideally represent the area and then the County Council Division which is rather arbitrarily placed over some but not all of either WDC Ward. The proposal put forward by the Licensing and Regulatory Committee of the District Council does seem to try and bring the Communities of the Woodloes/Birmingham Road/Percy Estate and the All Saints area up to the Canal back into one single Warwick North Ward and this will be welcomed by the residents who have long been affiliated to the Warwick North name and it does exactly describe the area. I expect this will cause some issue for the Town Council as I understand you have to create a town ward where County and District wards don't coincide, but the area around the Birmingham Road which is affected must be large enough to be a functioning Town Council ward so will fit. Reading the submission it would appear that great care has been taken by the Warwick District Council administration, to try and bring about electoral equality and to try wherever to keep known recognisable communities together and this should be welcomed. Personally I am far more concerned that my vote carries the same weight as another persons vote and that I am equally represented at each Council level and Nationally too. However ideally these review should be done in sync and take in an element of electoral growth which would be cost effect, allow for electoral equality to be achieved and prevent poor Town and Parish council just having to fit in. These reviews must also take in some element of projected growth and I note that that this District review does take in growth up to 2023, which I understand that last County Council review did not so will have to be done again in another couple of years - what a waste. I have concentrated my comments on an area I know particularly well, however looking at the whole submission it does appear that the L&R Committee submission does produce a reasonably fair and community identifiable set of Wards across the entire District, which I feel with their reduced number of Councillors is to be supported. I think that the submission from Warwick District Council has provided a very balanced and fair submission for what is a very difficult and complicated issue and hope that the Commission like me, places electoral equality and community cohesion above any other criteria.

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