Dear Sirs,

I submit herewith the proposals of the Conservative Group of Warwickshire County Council for the proposed Divisional Boundaries to be introduced at the next County Council Elections in 2017.

Our submission can be found on the following link to google drive: https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0BzzGev7_l22sbVA1aGg0SFE2RIU&usp=sharing

You will be aware that the political representation of Warwickshire County Council is quite wide and also fairly evenly balanced therefore we have no overall control. A number of political groups were involved in the county’s submission. Although all members have worked very hard at producing the documents you will receive from the County Council, these were subject to a vote on all options and the balance was very close. This submission makes reference to the parts of the County’s submission, where agreement across all members was possible.

The principles that have been key in the Conservative Group’s shaping of their proposed divisions have been

- Ensure the Electoral Equality is fair
- That we have been true to Parish Boundaries
- We adhere as closely as possible to District Wards
- That we work to achieve Single Member Divisions
• That we do not cross District/Borough Boundaries

We feel that these principles have generally been achieved by our proposals. It is hoped very much that you will recognise the quality of work undertaken and take them into consideration when the commission presents their proposals for further considerations.

Yours faithfully,

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Conservative Proposals for new Electoral Divisions in Warwickshire.

Introduction

The Conservative Group of Councillors on the Warwickshire County Council are submitting their proposals for the revised boundaries for the Divisions on Warwickshire county council. In particular it is felt that wherever possible single member Divisions give the optimum political accountability and identifiable representation for electors in Warwickshire. These proposals achieve this aim.

Rationale

In drawing the Conservative Group boundaries for county divisions in Warwickshire the following criteria, have been observed:

1. All Divisions must be contained within the District council boundaries
2. The size of the Division should be 7,780 electorate +/- 10%
3. Where possible/practical larger towns have been kept as one division.
4. Parish Boundaries and electoral numbers have not been compromised
5. One member one division has been achieved throughout the County
6. Existing County divisions have been retained where practical

North Warwickshire Borough

This is the smallest district electorally although growth in housing numbers is anticipated as the core strategy is developed. In general, numbers proposed are below the County average but fall within the 10% margin with the exception of Kingsbury (NW5). The Conservative group proposals align with those adopted in the County council proposals and the rationale around these revised boundaries is agreed and can be accepted by the Conservative Group.
Nuneaton and Bedworth

Rationale

- Maintaining existing links with local communities to ensure greater cohesion and less disruption to constituents.
- Within Nuneaton and Bedworth we have a number of major transport infrastructure links that would impede the Boundary Commission’s guidance as to constituent numbers being equal in some divisions, but greater weight has been given to community identity and accountability in these proposals.
- Whilst the Borough Plan for further development in Nuneaton and Bedworth has not yet been accepted there is already a trend of development on the North Eastern side of Nuneaton.

In Nuneaton and Bedworth consideration must be given to the existing local communities and the ability of voters to identify where they live within any given division. Many residents already question when they go and vote the name of the division they are voting in as they identify the community where they live by another name. Throughout this process, the Conservative Group has made a conscious effort to tie the naming of the divisions into the areas historical and geographical links instead of names that bear no resemblance or meaning to the local residents and communities.

Nuneaton and Bedworth is in the process of developing its Borough Plan with proposals for large scale development by 2026 of an additional 7,900 dwellings. A large element of this is proposed in the North and South Eastern areas of the Borough. A number of large developments in these areas have already been approved outside of the existing Local Plan. Outline planning permission has been given for large number of these with reserved matters due to be considered at a later date. Furthermore, developers are running a number of pre-application consultation exercises with a view to submitting plans within the next 12-18 months.

The four major divisions currently being affected by these developments are Weddington, St Nicolas, Whitestone and Bulkington either by increased development, pressures on infrastructure and additions to existing and surrounding communities.

Legislation requires that recommendations proposed by the Boundary Commission reflect estimated changes in the number and distribution of electors likely to take place over a five-year period from the end of the review. However, Nuneaton and Bedworth has a large number of infrastructure challenges that intersect at various points which makes this requirement much more difficult to achieve. For example, we have the West Coast Mainline, Coventry Line, Leicester Line and the Birmingham Line which all come from the centre of Nuneaton and intersect many wards and divisions which currently exist. In addition to this, we have the A444, A47, Coventry Canal, Ashby Canal, River Anker, River Sowe and their associated tributaries which further compound the problem.
**NB1 Weddington**

Weddington, a small portion of St Nicolas Park and the adjoining section of Nuneaton Town Centre.

Electorate 7474

The proposed area retains the existing co-terminosity with the Weddington Ward within it with the additions of SNA and ABC, which link via the Weddington Road/Leicester Road bridge and extend to Higham Lane maintaining its present boundary.

SNA has been added to Weddington due to having a similar demography (semi-detached housing, social housing and retired electorate with easy access to the Town Centre) and immediately adjoins the existing Weddington division.

ABC has been added to Weddington because Weddington has a major arterial access over the railway with footlinks between SNA and ABC, educational links between the schools within the proposed division and has an easy geographical link with SNA.

**NB2 St Nicolas**

St Nicolas Park, Horeston Grange, Crowhill (WHA)

Electorate 7195

St Nicolas maintains its existing division boundaries minus SNA which has been moved to Weddington. Traditionally the area of St Nicolas has been linked with the Crowhill area of Whitestone (WHA) and was already over tolerance.

The existing division already has a joint community forum and substantial proposed development within the emerging Borough Plan and a large number of developments have already been granted planning permission and more in the pipeline.

It is felt, therefore, that these additional dwellings which will be built would remain within the 10% tolerance level and again increase the number of electors within the division.
**NB3 Whitestone & Ryton**

Whitestone with Right Hand Side of Nuneaton Road down to Ryton

Electorate 7445

The Conservative Group feel that removal of Whitestone division and its links with the community would disenfranchise a significant number of electorate. Alternative proposals to split the area into three would again completely remove the link with the community.

Whitestone and Bulkington share a large boundary, community links and infrastructure which is felt would be maintained and enhanced with the Conservative proposals. There is already an existing Whitestone & Bulkington Community Forum, which mirrors the policing profile of the area, and many residents from Whitestone will travel into Bulkington to use the facilities there, such as the community library and the schools.

Whilst it will be crossing over the Coventry canal (as currently evidenced with the existing Bulkington division with ATG) there is a major arterial route between the two in Bulkington Lane/Nuneaton Road and there should therefore be no problems with linkages within the proposed division.

**NB4 Attleborough & Bulkington**

Bulkington and Hamlets, Caldwell, Sterling Metals and Gipsy Lane

Electorate 7655

This new division maintains parts of the old Bulkington division, which already crossed the canal into this area of Attleborough around Purcell Avenue and Gipsy Lane.

The new proposed division maintains this link and continues it into the rest of the Paul’s Land recreation area and adjoining estates. This makes issues surrounding Paul’s Land much easier to resolve for local residents by having the majority of the area under one division.

Road links will remain over the railway bridge via the continuation of Gipsy Lane towards the Quarry. Applications for development have been received for parcels of land in this area, and although they have so far been rejected at Planning they remain within the emerging preferred options of the Borough Plan.

Attleborough and Bulkington will retain excellent connectivity both within its boundaries and externally via Gipsy Lane, Bulkington Lane, Marston Lane, Lutterworth Road and Nuneaton Road, which is the divisional boundary with Whitestone & Ryton (NB3).
Whilst separate, the proposed division has two well established focal points at either end in the existing village centres of Attleborough and Bulkington, which also share many historic features and similarities between the two.

**NB5 Camp Hill**

Electorate 8099

Camp Hill, Chapel End, Whittleford

This proposed division follows the natural boundary with North Warwickshire and the Weddington ward boundary and incorporate a logical extension into Whittleford. These parts of Galley Common border Whittleford Road and Bucks Hill which is the main road to the Camp Hill estate.

The estate has an insufficient numbers of electors to form a division by itself. As it would fall below the 10% tolerance it has been necessary to add adjoining areas. The most logical arrangement is to join those with the parts of Galley Common suggested. There is a joint local area forum between Camp Hill and Galley Common as they share many common interests. This is an area of significant housing development over recent years, being the focus of regeneration schemes which have radically changed the housing stock in the area.

The proposals for this division are not disputed and agreed by the Conservative, Labour and Green parties.

**NB6 Galley Common & Round Towers**

Electorate 8189

Galley Common, Stockingford, Robinson’s End, Plough Hill

Traditionally these two areas of Galley Common and Stockingford have been shared as district wards and the Whittleford Road which adjoins Church Road as does Park Lane provides sufficient road connections between the areas. There are also footbridges under the railways to provide additional connectivity.

Galley Common and Kingswood both have strong links as they are both former mining communities. They have strong residents forum which liaise closely with each other over issues of common interest. There is a joint local area forum for Camp Hill and Galley Common.
**NB7 Nuneaton Town**

Nuneaton Town Centre, Manor Court, Abbey Green, Stockingford & Whittleford.

Electorate 8204

The new Nuneaton Town division recreates an historic link with Nuneaton’s history, which includes the Abbey and its current division of the Town Centre along with the first major areas of housing development as the town developed in the inter and post-war periods and the old home of Nuneaton’s football club, Nuneaton Borough (now Nuneaton Town).

Housing types within this division range from the Edwardian Terraces in the Abbey Conservation Area to the immediate post-war reconstruction efforts and as such is a major area of Nuneaton’s history.

Nuneaton Town division will retain its excellent transport links and is bordered on its southern borders by the Coventry Canal. It does, however, retain major arterial road links through Tomkinson Road, Queen’s Road, Haunchwood Road, Midland Road and Vernons Lane.

The area would still be well served by Queen’s and Abbey Schools, which act as feeder schools to the existing secondary schools within the Borough.

**NB8 Griff & Coton**

Hill Top, Chilvers Coton, Griff Hollows, the Bull Ring & George Eliot Hospital

Electorate 7769

The proposed new division of Griff & Coton will reinstate another major historic expansion area of Nuneaton and restore the important link between the communities and its traditional parish church in the very heart of the new division.

Again, the vast majority are inter and post-war developments interspersed with more recent brownfield redevelopment but all retain a cohesive link to Griff & Coton.

BAH and BAI have been included in the new Griff & Coton division because they all border the existing Griff & Coton Sports and Social Club and have easy road access to the remainder of the division through College Street, Church Street, Chilvers Rise and Coventry Street. Griff & Coton also would contain the living history of George Eliot through the inclusion of ARF and would be a fitting connection with the hospital within the division and Nuneaton’s most famous daughter.

ARH, a recent development, has been included in the new Griff & Coton division due to the fact that its only road access is from the Griff Island off the A444 at the top of Coventry Road
which feeds into the heart of the historic Coton parish. Furthermore, it has no direct road access to the remainder of the Arbury ward and is very much an isolated transient community.

**NB9 Arbury**

Bermuda, Arbury Estates, the Raywoods and Sunnyside

Electorate 7943

Arbury is large rural boundary area between Nuneaton, Bedworth and North Warwickshire, which in this proposal includes large areas of redeveloped aspirational brownfield housing as a natural extension of the growing population.

As such the new proposal reconnects Old Arbury with the other areas of urban development which have formed a community following an artificial boundary split at Borough level.

The new division will retain its existing transport links through Tomkinson Road, Croft Road and Heath End Road, all of which lead to the arterial A444 and Town Centre areas.

Furthermore, the emerging Borough Plan has further proposals for development and it is envisaged that there is sufficient headroom in the representation margins to accommodate these developments.

**NB10 Collycroft & Woodlands Heath**

Griff, Collycroft, and Bedworth Woodlands

Electorate 7347

This division is proposed to incorporate existing local communities that share natural boundaries served by either side of Nuneaton Road and give the division a title is anchored within the history of the area.

Most of the existing Slough Borough ward has been kept together in this proposal (with the exception of only SLG) and incorporating areas of Heath which have natural boundaries on the southern end of Slough. These are both urban areas of similar character on the outskirts of Bedworth, bordering Nuneaton.
**NB11 Mount Pleasant**

Bedworth Town Centre, Marston Lane and Springfield

Electorate 7487

The new Mount Pleasant division maintains the existing Borough Bede ward boundaries with the addition of a logical extension on its northern border for SLG and its southern border for EXF.

In addition, it incorporates many central areas of Bedworth with links and communal ties to Nicholas Chamberlaine and the Almshouses as identifiable features of Bedworth Town Centre. The surrounding residential areas have their origins as former miner’s communities with their strong sense of community and family links.

**NB12 Bedworth West**

Keresley Newlands, Goodyers End, Ash Green, Neal’s Green (small portion of Bedworth Heath).

Electorate 7465

There is no difference in proposals between the Labour and Conservative Groups save that the Conservative group feels that the division should be tied in to its local community and be identifiable through the name of Keresley & Ash Green instead of a generic and artificial title.

**NB13 Exhall**

Coalpit Field, Exhall, Woodshires Green (West), Neal’s Green (East)

Electorate 7400

There is no difference in proposals between the Labour and Conservative Groups save that the Conservative group feels that the division should have a more identifiable name with the local community as Exhall, instead of Poplar, which has no obvious ties to the area.
Rugby Borough

About Rugby

Rugby Borough will continue to experience substantial housing growth. This review comes at a welcome time for Rugby as it allows for those new areas of development where planning permission has been approved to be incorporated into the Divisions to which they will inevitably hold the closest ties.

Legislation requires that recommendations proposed by the Boundary Commission reflect estimated changes in the number and distribution of electors likely to take place over a five-year period from the end of the review. Thus this consideration must be paramount when proposing new Division boundaries in Rugby Borough and have been intrinsically observed in these proposals.

It is illogical to place polling district KK2 into the present Division of Fosse as the growth in this area of the forthcoming BT Mast Site will have intrinsic transport, education and healthcare links with the current Rugby Borough ward of Hillmorton. It is for this reason that it is essential to incorporate KK2 into a new Hillmorton Division. Similarly it is an anomaly, which must be rectified, that polling district KJ2 and present polling districts DA, DB and DC presently fall within the Division boundaries of Fosse. The inclusion of DA, DB and DC into Fosse has always been inconsistent with natural community links in this area of the Borough. Residents of DA, DB and DC live in an urban area and share inherent links with neighbouring urban polling districts: they use the same amenities, schools and GP’s surgeries for example. Residents of KJ2 will send their children to schools within their neighbouring urban polling district areas and similarly residents in DA, DB and DC will send the children to the school in KJ2. KJ2 will have essential ties with polling districts DA, DB, DC, GC, DD and DE despite the separation of a main road and as such must be incorporated into a new Brownsover & Coton Division which will ensure essential co-terminosity with present Rugby Borough Council wards and community links.

Outline rationale for each proposed Division

R4 Admirals & Cawston

Electorate 7248

The present Admirals & Cawston Division is heavily under-represented. Areas around Cawston, however, will soon experience significant housing growth with 600 dwellings to be built at the Cawston Extension site and 250 dwellings to be built at the Cawston Lane site. The proposed new boundaries for this Division incorporate areas presently in the Division of Caldecott which have natural community links with areas in the Admirals area and provide coterminosity with Rugby Borough Council wards. The natural road boundary between the present Admirals & Cawston Division and Caldecott Division has been incorporated creating a succinct Division in terms of geography, coterminosity and community links particularly in terms of education provision.
R7 Benn & New Bilton

Electorate 8192

In the creation of a new single member Division of Benn & New Bilton essential community and amenity links have been observed. Coterminosity with present Rugby Borough Council wards has been considered and incorporated. The present Division of Brownsover incorporates areas of Rugby town centre in an unreasoned manner. This new division will incorporate polling districts either side of the railway but residents in GE are as likely to use schools and amenities within polling districts BE, BG and BH as in polling districts incorporated into the new Division of Brownsover and Coton and also enjoy their own amenities presently. The argument for the incorporation of GE into a Division with areas in the Benn Rugby Borough Council ward is strong. There is also the need to ensure that polling districts DA, DB, DC and KJ2 are incorporated into the same electoral Division due to the overwhelming community and amenity links these districts share.

R5 Bilton & Hillside

Electorate 7925

In order to ensure a key principal objective of the Boundary Commission it is essential that single member Divisions are created in order to create fair and balanced representation for the elector and ensure accountability of the elected to the elector. These proposals maintain coterminosity with present Rugby Borough Council wards whilst also incorporating areas presently within the Rugby Borough Council ward of Rokeby and Overslade which are naturally linked through communities, amenities, transport links and routes as well as education, healthcare and dental provisions with areas of the Rugby Borough Council ward of Bilton. This new Division was previously part of the present Division of Caldecott. The incorporation of polling district FG is logical given this polling districts inherent links with amenities within other polling districts within the new Division of Bilton & Hillside.
**R8 Brownsover & Coton**

Electorate 8290

This review allows the opportunity to incorporate areas in the Rugby Borough Council wards of Coton & Boughton and Newbold & Brownsover which share inherent links. It was noted by the Boundary Commission in its final recommendations on the electoral arrangements for Rugby Borough Council in September of 2011 that the main shopping area serving the Brownsover estate were proposed to be incorporated into the Coton & Boughton ward in draft proposals. Alterations to the boundaries were made to ensure this area was incorporated into the Newbold & Brownsover ward. Now the main shopping area in Coton & Boughton, Central Park, services both residents of Brownsover and Coton & Boughton which ensures both these shopping areas are incorporated into the same Division. Residents of KJ2 will send their children to schools within their neighbouring urban polling district areas and similarly residents in DA, DB and DC will send the children to the school in KJ2. KJ2 will have essential ties with polling districts DA, DB, DC, GC, DD and DE despite the separation of a main road and as such must be incorporated into a new Brownsover & Coton Division which will ensure essential coterminosity with present Rugby Borough Council wards and community links.

**R6 Caldecott & St Cross**

Electorate 8438

This new single member division will ensure the coterminosity of areas presently within the Rugby Borough Council ward of Rokeby & Overslade and areas of the Rugby Borough Council ward of Eastland’s which hold natural community links. By incorporating polling districts FB, FC, FD and FF community links are maintained and similarly this is ensuring by incorporating some areas of the town centre and the area around the Hospital of St Cross.
**R3 Dunsmore**

Electorate: 8139

The proposed Division of Dunsmore will replace the present division of Dunchurch. It will incorporate Ryton on Dunsmore to provide natural co-terminosity with the present Rugby Borough Council ward of Dunsmore, ensure the new division incorporates the correct number of electors and also will incorporate polling district KO, presently in the Division of Caldecott, which falls within the Rugby Borough Council ward of Dunsmore.

**R2 Earl Craven**

Electorate 8026

This Division will incorporate Long Lawford which is presently split from its natural more rural neighbouring areas. Presently Long Lawford is adjoined to the Rugby Borough Council ward of New Bilton in the County Council electoral Division boundaries. This is illogical given the natural community links it has to the west of the Borough. Consideration of transport links has also been paramount as, for example, the no 86 bus service runs between Wolston (presently part of Earl Craven) and primarily serves Long Lawford also.

**R9 Eastlands**

Electorate 8048

The creation of a single member Division of Eastlands allows for housing growth in KK2 to be succinctly adjoined to areas where natural links will be shared in Hillmorton. Co-terminosity with present Rugby Borough Council wards has been observed. Schools serving the communities in this area have been given particular consideration.
R1 Fosse

Electorate 8503

It is illogical to place polling district KK2 into the present Division of Fosse as the growth in this area of the forthcoming BT Mast Site will have intrinsic transport, education and healthcare links with the current Rugby Borough ward of Hillmorton. It is for this reason that it is essential to incorporate KK2 into a new Hillmorton Division. Similarly polling district KJ2 and present polling districts DA, DB and DC presently fall within the Division boundaries of Fosse. The inclusion of DA, DB and DC into Fosse has always been inconsistent with natural community links in this area of the Borough. Residents of DA, DB and DC live in an urban area and share inherent links with neighbouring urban polling districts: they use the same amenities, schools and GP’s surgeries for example. Residents of KJ2 will send their children to schools within their neighbouring urban polling district areas and similarly residents in DA, DB and DC will send the children to the school in KJ2. KJ2 will have essential ties with polling districts DA, DB, DC, GC, DD and DE despite the separation of a main road and as such must be incorporated into a new Brownsover & Coton Division which will ensure essential co-terminosity with present Rugby Borough Council wards and community links.

Presently Fosse incorporates urban polling districts that share no ties with its predominantly rural areas. The polling districts KJ2, DA and DB have natural community links for a plethora of reasons with polling districts immediately to their south and thus must be placed into a new Division of Brownsover & Coton. The incorporation of the village of Newbold-on-Avon into Fosse is acceptable given its rural links and insulated amenities.

R10 Hillmorton

Electorate 8342

It was noted by the Boundary Commission in its final recommendations on the electoral arrangements for Rugby Borough Council in September of 2011 that the Rugby Borough Council ward of Hillmorton should include parts of Clifton upon Dunsmore parish where development was due to take place. Similarly these proposals incorporate polling district KK2 which falls within the Churchover parish but which can be warded using the precedent set by the Boundary Commission in 2011. Residents of KK2 will share natural community, school, healthcare and amenity links with Hillmorton and should logically be incorporated into a new single member Hillmorton Division. These proposals do not disrupt present community links:
they ensure present links are maintained and co-terminosity is ensured wherever possible. Additionally Hillmorton residents will use the new amenities and schools in KK2.

**Stratford on Avon District**

Agreement has been reached with opposition parties in all Divisions with the exception of Stratford town where all criteria have been met except the number of members per division. The Conservative group proposals for Stratford Town are for 3 members and 3 electoral divisions. Any need for 2 member division is considered unnecessary.

Outside Stratford town all divisions are single member divisions and fall within the numbers stipulated. As a general comment villages do not enjoy being linked electorally with their market towns and prefer to be a combined division with other villages. Where these proposals do link villages and market towns it has been accepted in previous boundary alignments. There are no proposed divisions which fall outside of the permitted electoral variance. These proposals achieve a level of coterminalisity of 58.3%. The standard deviation from the average number of electors per division varies between 395 and 406 electors. The rationale for our proposals outside Stratford town included in this proposal is similar to the county councils resolution.

**About Stratford on Avon District**

Stratford-on-Avon District is a large, predominantly rural District, in the south of Warwickshire. In 2011 the population of the District was 121,000. Agriculture plays an important role in the local economy and has helped to create a mixed rural environment of pasture and arable farming. The District is also characterised by small market towns, historic buildings and pretty villages making it attractive to visitors. There are excellent motorway, road and rail networks, which connect the District not only with Birmingham and the West Midlands, but also with London, the North and the Southwest.

These transport routes have played an important role in the development of an increasing industrial base with a number of companies of national and international renown. Much of the employment within the District is dependent on tourism, farming and the motor industry to the North (JLR at Gaydon). Unemployment rates are below average. Many residents of the District commute to higher paid jobs outside, while the lower paid jobs within the District are often filled by people commuting into the District. While average household income is above average, this is somewhat distorted by a small proportion of extremely wealthy households. Culture and Tourism play a significant role in the District.

Stratford-on-Avon District has about 250 towns and villages spread over 977 square kilometres. This makes it one of the largest Districts in England and means access to services and the delivery of services are both major issues for residents. A significant factor is the age of local residents, with the age profile older than for Warwickshire as a whole. Property prices are extremely high in many parts of the District, and many people, especially young people, cannot afford to move into, or move within, the District.
Stratford Town

These 3 divisions comprise the Town of Stratford on Avon. They all share the same town facilities and identify themselves with Stratford Town. These divisions take into account the recent (March 2014) warding of the District council by the Boundary committee and enable the creation of single member Wards.

S5 Stratford North

Avenue, Hathaway Bishopton.

Electorate 7881

S 12 Stratford South

Shottery, Bridgetown, Guildhall

Electorate 8465

S 13 Stratford East

Tiddington, Welcombe, Clopton

Electorate 8201
**S1 Arden**

Earlswood, Wood End, Tanworth in Arden, Ullenhall, Henley-in-Arden, Wootten Wawen, Claverdon, Preston Bagot? Wolverton/Langley as well?

Electorate 8534
The area is very rural with Henley-in-Arden being the main market town within the area and a natural focus for local shopping and services from the surrounding parishes.

**S2 Studley**

Studley, Sambourne, Coughton, Alne, Aston Cantlow, Morton Bagot, Old Berrow

Electorate 7459
Studley is the central village within this division and the focus for the surrounding rural areas. Studley itself should not be split because of its strong community identity with a parish council meeting at least twice per month. Mappleborough Great Green used to be part of Studley parish and many in Sambourne are involved in social activity in Studley. Coughton has been part of the Studley Division for long time. Great Alne and Kinwarton are less associated with Studley but if Studley is to be expanded then the links with Studley are more relevant than some other areas to the north and east. Aston Cantlow has some links with Morton Bagot and Old Berrow which are already in the Studley division.

**S3 Alcester**

Alcester, Arrow, Haselor, Wilmcote, Temple Grafton, Binton

Electorate 8426
Alcester has town status and is the main focus for the more rural villages in the surrounding area. Alcester town itself encompasses Alcester and Kinwarton parish areas and the community has very strong links to Great Alne, Oversley Green, Kings Coughton and Arrow. All look to Alcester for services such as doctors, library, community facilities and schools as well as shopping.
**S4 Bidford and Welford**

Bidford on Avon, Welford on Avon, Salford Priors, Clifford Chambers

Electorate 8295

There are close connections between Bidford on Avon, Salford Priors, and Welford on Avon. The rural areas are close to each other and share a long history and similar issues. There is recognised collaboration between their Parish Councils.

Bidford-on-Avon, is the main rural settlement and, is the location for the: Medical Centre, Fire Station, Community Library and Supermarket. Many local voluntary organisations are based either at Bidford-on-Avon or Salford Priors, their membership being drawn from these localities and serving all three communities.

Bidford-on-Avon and Salford Priors have, for a number of years, shared the Marsh Farm Sand and Gravel extraction site and are both members of the Marsh Farm Liaison Committee.

**S6 Wellesbourne**

Snitterfield, Hatton Rock, Charlecote, Wellesbourne

Electorate 7929

Wellesbourne is the main focus for the surrounding villages and has been retained as one Division.
**S7 Kineton and Red Horse**

Moreton Morrell, Lighthorne Heath, Gaydon, Kineton, Warmington, Ratley, Shotteswell, Middle and Upper Tyso, Oxhill

Electorate 8343

This is geographically the largest proposed division but meets all the other criteria and recognises village/parish identity. The boundary of the proposed division follows the geographic escarpment of Edge Hill at the south easterly end of the district. The name derives from an earth cut horse hill figure that was formerly above the village of Tysoe.

The proposed Kineton and Red Horse division is largely based on the existing county division. Many of the villages in this area share common service areas and mostly attend the same schools, either the local village school such as Tysoe or the main secondary school of Kineton.

Kineton is the main village within the area and provides secondary education for most of the proposed division and much of the area uses the medical services in Kineton.

**S8 Stour and Vale**

Atherstone on Stour, Preston-on-Stour, Alderminster, Ettington, Long Marston, Lower Quinton, Pillerton Priors, Newbold-on-Stour, Halford, Armscote, Blackwell, Ilmington, Darlingscott

Electorate 7046

This is numerically the smallest division but geographically large and meets village identity. Many of the villages share common service areas. Secondary education is mainly provided by Shipston High School.
**S9 Shipston**

Shipston-on-Stour, Stretton on Fosse, Willington Burmington, Little Wolford, Great Wolford, Barton on the Heath, Little Compton, Long Compton, Whichford, Stourton Cherington, Lower Brailes

Electorate 7972

The main town in this division is Shipston on Stour and accordingly has a strong sense of its own identity and consequently is not divided. The division proposed covers the same area as the existing county division.

The additional areas included to make up the electoral numbers look to the market town of Shipston for most services especially secondary schooling, doctors, leisure centre and shopping. Shipston acts as the service area for the proposed Shipston division.

**S 10 Feldon**

Ufton, Harbury, Bishop’s Itchington, Ladbroke, Farnborough, Long Itchington Priors Marston, Fenny Compton

Electorate 7767

This division combines most of the present Feldon Division created at the last review with the addition of Fenny Compton and Farnborough which makes it coterminous with the new district Boundaries Feldon covers a large rural area which is relatively sparsely populated.

As well as those listed, it is composed of a large number of small parishes namely Chapel Ascites, Hodnell & Wills Pastures, Priors Hardwick, Radbourne, Stoneton, Watergall and Wormleighton.
**S11 Southam, Stockton and Napton**

Southam, Stockton, Napton on the Hill, Lower Shuckburgh

Electorate 7672

Southam has town status and a strong sense of its identity. It has been kept within the same division. It provides most of the local services to Stockton and Napton and the surrounding areas including medical services, shopping, and secondary education.

Transport and communication links are good across the proposed area. The villages of Napton, Stockton and Shuckburgh have been included in this division to make up the electoral numbers and re-form the existing County division. These villages look to Southam as the main centre and for secondary education. There are good road links with the surrounding areas.
Warwick District

Warwick District is the largest District in the County, population-wise, and has experienced significant growth in the past ten years to 138,000 people living in Warwick in 2011. The District contains the four main towns of Warwick, Leamington Spa, Kenilworth and Whitnash and a number of smaller, more rural settlements.

The development of the M40 had a significant impact on the District, offering commuting opportunities and access for industry. There are also good rail links to the rest of the West Midlands Region and to London. Warwick District performs well across almost all economic indicators; employment rates are high and income levels are above average, but there have been less positive consequences in terms of housing affordability and traffic congestion.

The District has a relatively high concentration of jobs in financial and business services, as well as public sector occupations. Tourism is an important part of the local economy. Key attractions are Warwick and Kenilworth Castles, Packwood House and Baddesley Clinton, the canal network and the Royal Showground which hosts a variety of shows, exhibitions and events. Like other parts of the County, there are pockets of both affluence and deprivation across Warwick District, although the balance is towards relatively low levels of deprivation. The proposed route of the HS2 railway runs right through Warwick district.

In this proposal there are no divisions which fall outside the 10% electoral variance. The proposal achieves 45.5% coterminosity with district wards which is good for the area. The standard variation from the average number of electors for the area falls between 326 and 433. This proposal recommends only single member divisions.

W1 Budbrooke and Bishop’s Tachbrook

Electorate 8331

Budbrooke & Bishop’s Tachbrook, Hatton, Hampton Magna, Hampton on the Hill, Norton Lindsey, Sherbourne, Barford, Bishops Tachbrook.

This proposal enhances and maintains the rural, historical culture of the area with the inclusion of new communities such as Hatton who have already assimilated themselves into an increasingly vibrant community.

W2 Lapworth and Leek Wootton

Electorate 8340

Lapworth, King’s Wood, Leek Wootton, N.W. Kenilworth (including Abbey Fields.) This Division incorporates rural areas and Leek Wootton into the market town of Kenilworth by a redistribution of the Abbey Field Division. Abbey historically has had a rural association linked to its surrounding area.
**W3 Kenilworth St John’s**

Electorate 7734

This division comprises of the central “Urban” area of Kenilworth and Central Kenilworth.

**W4 Kenilworth Park Hill**

Electorate 8340

Eastern side of Kenilworth including Kenilworth School.

**W5 Cubbington**

Stoneleigh, Stoneleigh Park, Baginton, Finham Sewage, Bubbenhall, Abbey Business Park, Cubbington, Western-under-Wetherley, Hunningham, Offchurch, Radford Semele

Electorate 7697

This is a rural area with business parks which are located close to one another. There are some small residential areas which are well connected by the bus routes and road network. Leamington Spa and Kenilworth are the closest towns for these villages. This Division has close links both historically and culturally. They relate together as a rural community and two areas operate a combined Parish Council. It is a vibrant community, well supported by the residential areas of Radford Semele and Cubbington who see themselves in a rural aspect rather than urban.
W6 Leamington North

Electorate 7383.

New Cubbington, Lillington. Leamington North was a two member Division. This proposal redraws the boundaries to create a single member Division in accordance with the Commission’s guidelines. It will give a better identification to the local communities and a clearer indication of their representation.

W7 Leamington Clarendon

Electorate 7164

North Leamington Spa, including the Parade, the main shopping area.

W8 Leamington Milverton

Electorate 7430

Old Milverton has a village feel to it unlike the more densely populated North Leamington. It is relatively free standing in that it has good road connections to Leamington Spa, Kenilworth and Warwick but it is apart from all of them. The River Avon runs to the west of Old Milverton.

W9 Leamington Brunswick

Electorate 7207

The proposed ward has Victoria Park at its most northerly point and Redland Road Recreational Ground to the southernmost point. In between, it joins W. Leamington Spa’s more urbanised and central residential areas.
**W10 Leamington Willes**

Electorate 7328

Sydenham.

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**W11 Warwick North**

Electorate 8249

This includes the recently developed Woodloes estate which should be maintained as part of a single Division.

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**W12 Warwick West**

Electorate 7286

This proposed division runs from the centre of Warwick town. To its west runs the A46 down to the junction with the M40 so far as the River Avon, which the boundary then follows to the Stratford Road. Onto Cliff Hill the boundary then follows the Grand Union Canal back to the A46 but encompassing the Canal Centre. Central Warwick is a tourist destination.
W13 Warwick South

Electorate 8415

This proposed division takes in the industrial estates accessed from Europa Way.

W14 Whitnash

Electorate 7187

The proposal is to leave the division of Whitnash as it is. Along the eastern side of Whitnash runs the Chiltern Railway Line, which separates Whitnash from Sydenham. The Fosse Way (B4455) runs along the southern end of Whitnash. It then follows Harbury Lane and just to the east of Tachbrook Road. Whitnash is its own locality having been separated from South Leamington. It has its own Town Plan, which identifies parking and dog fouling/littering to be the main issues of concern to the residents of this largely residential area. The projections to 2020 lend themselves to continued electoral equality if Whitnash is to remain unchanged.
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