Helping you to have your say:

We are now consulting local people on a new pattern of electoral divisions for Warwickshire. The Commission has an open mind about its final recommendations and will consider every piece of evidence we receive from local groups and people. Every representation will be considered, regardless of whom it is from or whether it relates to the whole county or just a part of it.

If you agree with our recommendations, please let us know. If you don’t think our recommendations are right for Warwickshire, we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of divisions.

The Commission aims to propose a pattern of electoral divisions for Warwickshire which delivers:

- **Electoral equality:** each councillor represents a similar number of voters.
- **Community identity:** reflects the identity and interests of local communities.
- **Effective and convenient local government:** helping your council discharge its responsibilities effectively.

A good pattern of divisions should:

- Provide good electoral equality, with each councillor representing, as closely as possible, the same number of voters.
- Reflect community interests and identities and include evidence of community links.
- Be based on strong, easily identifiable boundaries.
- Help the council deliver effective and convenient local government.

**Electoral equality:**

- Does your proposal mean that councillors would represent roughly the same number of voters as elsewhere in the council area?

**Community identity:**

- Transport links: are there good links across your proposed division? Is there any form of public transport?
- Community groups: is there a parish council, residents association or another group that represents the area?
- Facilities: does your pattern of divisions reflect where local people go for shops, medical services, leisure facilities etc?
- Interests: what issues bind the community together or separate it from other parts of your area?
- Identifiable boundaries: are there natural or constructed features which make strong boundaries for your proposals?

**Effective local government:**

- Are any of the proposed divisions too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the electoral divisions appropriate?

**Useful tips:**

- Our website has a special consultation area where you can explore the maps and draw your own proposed boundaries. You can find it at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk.
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website so you can follow what other people and organisations have told us. Go to: www.lgbce.org.uk

Have your say by writing to:

Review Officer (Warwickshire)
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Layden House
76–86 Turnmill Street
London EC1M 5LG

Through our consultation area:

www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk
or by email to: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

The full report and interactive maps are available to view at www.lgbce.org.uk

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**Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Warwickshire County Council**

**Summary report**

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**Who we are**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament. We are not part of government or any political party. We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

**Electoral review**

An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority. A local authority’s electoral arrangements are:

- The total number of councillors representing the council’s voters (‘council size’).
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors representing each ward or division.

**Why Warwickshire?**

We are conducting an electoral review of Warwickshire County Council to deliver improved levels of electoral equality for local voters.

Warwickshire currently has high levels of electoral inequality where some county councillors represent many more - or many fewer - voters than others. This means that the value of your vote - in county council elections - varies depending on where you live in Warwickshire.

**Our proposals**

Warwickshire County Council currently has 62 councillors. We propose that the council should have 57 councillors in future. The Commission believes that a council size of 57 members will ensure the council can discharge its roles and responsibilities effectively and provides for a division pattern that meets our statutory criteria.

** Electoral arrangements**

Our draft recommendations propose that Warwickshire’s 57 councillors should represent 57 single-member electoral divisions across the county.

You have until 3 November 2014 to have your say on the recommendations

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Summary of our recommendations

Our draft recommendations propose that Warwickshire’s 57 county councillors should represent 57 single-member electoral divisions across the county.

Before drawing up the draft recommendations, the Commission carried out a public consultation inviting proposals for a new pattern of divisions for 57 county councillors. We have considered all of the submissions we received during that phase of consultation.

The Commission believes the draft recommendations meet its obligations - which are set out in law - to:

■ Deliver electoral equality for voters.
■ Reflect local community interests and identities.
■ Promote effective and convenient local government.

The recommendations mean that in each district, there will be one fewer county councillor than under the current arrangements.

These recommendations have no direct impact on the electoral arrangements of Warwickshire’s district councils. Parish ward boundaries will be changed, however, in Kenilworth, Royal Leamington Spa and Warwick.

You can read the full report on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk.

Overview of draft recommendations for Warwickshire County Council

North Warwickshire Borough
1 Atherstone
2 Baddesley & Dordon
3 Coleshill North & Water Orton
4 Coleshill South & Arley
5 Hartshill & Mancetter
6 Kingsbury
7 Polesworth

Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough
8 Arbury
9 Attleborough
10 Bedworth Central
11 Bedworth East
12 Bedworth North
13 Bedworth West
14 Bulkington & Whitestone
15 Camp Hill
16 Gailey Common
17 Nuneaton Central
18 Nuneaton East
19 Nuneaton West
20 Weddington

Rugby Borough
21 Admirals & Cawston
22 Benn & New Bilton
23 Bilton & Hillside
24 Brownsover & Coton
25 Caldecott
26 Dunsome & Leam Valley
27 Earl Craven
28 Eastlands
29 Fosse
30 Hillmorton

Warwick District
44 Budbrooke & Bishop’s Tachbrook
45 Cubbington & Leek Wootton
46 Kenilworth Park Hill
47 Kenilworth St John’s
48 Lapworth & West Kenilworth
49 Leamington Brunswick
50 Leamington Clarendon
51 Leamington Milverton
52 Leamington North
53 Leamington Willes
54 Warwick North
55 Warwick South
56 Warwick West
57 Whitnash

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