Response from Shilton & Barnacle Parish Council to Warwickshire County Council consultation on boundary changes.

"Shilton & Barnacle Parish Council does not wish to submit a proposal for a pattern of electoral divisions within Warwickshire, as this would necessarily involve communities and locations outside its area of accountability. However, it does wish to draw to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's attention the community interests and identity for Shilton and Barnacle.

The current Fosse division is a large, predominantly rural division. Because of its geographic size, many of the parishes within it share little common identity or sense of community with Shilton & Barnacle, except for the fact that they are all small/medium sized villages set in a rural location. This is particularly true of parishes located to the south west of the Fosse Way (B4455).

Bulkington is a larger village located next to Shilton & Barnacle parish. It has a population and size that ensures it has a range of community facilities (doctor/dentist, primary schools, shopping centre, library etc). Because none of these facilities exist with Shilton & Barnacle parish, Bulkington is the nearest location that residents would go to to access these services.

Shilton & Barnacle Parish Council would therefore ask the LGBCE to consider whether the identity and interests of residents within Shilton & Barnacle parish are more closely aligned with neighbouring Bulkington than the geographically more dispersed Fosse division."

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