Dear Sir or Madam,

Can I please reply, on behalf of Coleshill Town Council, to the Consultation review of Warwickshire County Council divisions. At our meeting of 18 June, it was agreed that every effort should be made to keep Coleshill represented within one Division rather than split North and South across two Divisions. The need to be driven by numbers of electors should not ignore or over-ride the need to recognise the community identity and historic development of the town of Coleshill.

It was a suggestion that if the 818 Nether Whitacre electors moved from Water Orton to Coleshill Division, the latter would be within the 10% tolerance. We recognise that changes giving Coleshill more electors would leave other Divisions short of target. However, we would seek to challenge the assumed figures for Coleshill in 2020, estimating that 275 new houses built (which is the figure in the yet to be adopted Borough Local Plan) might represent an increased electorate by 600 - 700. The 2020 estimate is for only an increase of 121 quoted. This further addition would make the shortfall closer to the 10% allowed variance.

We would add that the sites for the 275 houses had sites identified and were highly likely to be developed. The Borough Local Plan already has the recorded full support of the Coleshill Town Council.

Regards

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