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"Stratford-on-Avon Council covers a particularly large area, when compared with other District Councils. Some of the wards are already large compared with other authorities, which adds significantly to the workload of District Councillors to fully represent all of the parishes within their wards. To reduce the ward size further will increase the workload of Councillors, meaning the demographic of Councillors in the future is likely to be more skewed towards those of retired people or those with sufficient wealth to not need to work.

The additional workload on the shoulders of fewer Councillors will mean there is likely to be less attention given to scrutiny.

It could be argued that cutting the number of Council seats is politically motivated to favour parties with large levels of support across large areas in order to beat parties with strong support in say, small market towns, which will have rural areas added on to them at the boundary review stage in order to meet the smaller number of Councillors.

It is the few of the Green Party that the people of Stratford are best served with the current number of Councillors."