



Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council

IN THE COUNTY OF WARWICKSHIRE

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The Review Officer (Stratford-on-Avon)
Local government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
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22nd July 2013

Dear Sirs,

I have been instructed by the Parish Councils of Bidford-on-Avon and Salford Priors to make representation in respect of the Electoral Review for Stratford-on-Avon DC , which is currently taking place.

The current Bidford and Salford Ward comprises of:

- Bidford-on-Avon – main rural settlement – electorate : 4,163
 - Salford Priors - electorate : 1,202
 - Wixford electorate : 132
- TOTAL ELECTORATE 5,497**

It is represented by 3 Ward Members.

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and is open to members of the public 10.00 am – 1.00 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
and from 1.30-4.30 pm on Thursdays

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By December 2019 the projection is as follows

• Bidford-on-Avon	electorate : 4,663
• Salford Priors	electorate : 1,400
• Wixford	electorate : <u>132</u>
PROJECTED TOTAL ELECTORATE	6,195

It is the understanding of Bidford-on-Avon and Salford Priors Parish Councils that the preferred Ward size is between 2,500 and 3,000 per member. It would therefore, seem appropriate for the Bidford and Salford Ward to remain unchanged and be represented by **2 Ward Members**. This proposal was approved by:

- Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council at its Parish Council Meeting held on 24th June 2013
- Salford Priors Parish Council at its Parish Council Meeting held on 17th July 2013

There are a number of reasons to support this proposal, namely:

- Three rural areas close to each other and sharing a long history and similar issues
- Recognised collaboration between the Parish Councils
- Bidford-on-Avon, being the main rural settlements, is the location for the following main services:
 - Medical Centre
 - Fire Station
 - Community Library
 - Supermarket
- Many associations such as
 - St John's Ambulance
 - Badgers
 - Brownies
 - Bidford Young Fire Fighters
 - Bidford and District History SocietyAre based either at Bidford-on-Avon or Salford Priors and have membership and serve 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 set up by the Secretary of State when the original extraction permission was granted

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In view of the above, Bidford-on-Avon and Salford Priors Parish Councils strongly urge you to consider, and approve, their proposal.

Yours sincerely,



Elisabeth Uggerlose
Clerk to Bidford on Avon Parish Council



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