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RE: Erewash Boundary Review These comments are on behalf of Sandiacre Conservative Branch in reply to your consultation on whether the number of elected Councillors on Erewash Borough Council should be 47 or 43 Borough Councillors instead of the current 51. We support 47 Councillors We feel the current workload expected of Borough Councillors is reasonable and allows us to find good quality Councillors of different ages, sex and background. We believe if the current number of 51 is reduced by 4 this will still be possible. However the increase in workload which would result from a reduction to 43 would create difficulties as the increase in time a person would wish to commit would mean that anyone currently in full time employment would no longer be able to cover both jobs adequately possibly to the detriment of the work on the Council. We cannot emphasize sufficiently the importance of at least some Councillors bring their experience of work outside the Council to contribute to their work on the Council. Sandiacre currently has 2 wards each having 2 Councillors. Sandiacre North is slightly under represented at 1835 Electors per Councillor when the average is 1691. A reduction in the number of Councillors to 47 would address this imbalance in Sandiacre while keeping Sandiacre borders with other Communities clear and intact, therefore protecting Community Identity. If the number of Councillors were reduced to 43 it would result in an average of 2005 Electors per Councillor. In this scenario if Sandiacre had 4 Councillors it would be over represented by 9%: however if it had 3 Councillors it would be under represented by 17%. This would result in Sandiacre's Boundaries not matching the Community Boundaries and therefore the Ward Boundaries in Sandiacre not being clear and would have a negative impact on Sandiacre's Community Identity.