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Dear Alex

***Electoral Review for Stratford-on-Avon District***

Please find attached the submission from Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

The submission was passed by Council under minute 212 at its meeting held Monday 22 July.

The wards in the submission were based on the altered parish boundaries which have already been sent to you, maps of the proposed District Wards have also been sent separately.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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### Submission of Proposed Warding Arrangements for Stratford-on-Avon District Council

The table below shows the proposed warding arrangements for Stratford-on-Avon District Council. The wards included in the table were drawn up by members of the cross-party Elections Reference Group with the support of officers.

The group worked primarily on the statutory criteria of equality of representation but considered the other criteria of reflecting community Interests and Identities and providing for convenient and effective local government whenever possible.

A Council size of 36 has already been agreed and so an average number of electors per Councillor in 2019 was calculated to be 2,885.

The proposed wards within the table were agreed at the Council meeting held on 22 July 2013.

Those wards variances higher than + or – 10% of this figure are highlighted in yellow.

Ref	Ward Name	Number of Councillors	Forecast Electorate in 2019	Forecast Electoral Variance in 2019	Evidence and Rationale that the proposals meet the three statutory criteria
1	Alcester East	1	3,106	8%	<p>The town of Alcester is currently split into three parish wards: Alcester, Oversley and Oversley Green. In order to create two district wards with similar electorates it was found necessary to split the parish of Alcester (Alcester Ward) into east and south/west areas.</p> <p>A possible boundary could be identified running down the middle of the four main roads in the town. Alcester East would comprise of the Oversley Ward of Alcester Parish and the remainder of Alcester Ward of the parish of Alcester not in proposed Alcester South and West Ward as described below.</p>

<b>2</b>	<b>Alcester South &amp; West</b>	1	<b>3,047</b>	6%	<p>This ward would comprise the parishes of Arrow with Weethley, Binton, Exhall, Temple Grafton, Wixford, the Oversley Green Ward of the parish of Alcester and the 1,608 electors from the Alcester ward of the parish of Alcester following a boundary running down the middle of four main roads in the town, i.e. from the north down Ryknild Street/Birmingham Road (A435) into Priory Road and then west on the Stratford Road to the extent of the parish ward.</p> <p>None of the village communities in this proposed ward have shopping facilities and are likely to use those in Alcester.</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Bidford East</b>	1	<b>3,060</b>	6%	<p>The proposed wards of Bidford East and Bidford West &amp; Salford would be made up of the current three member ward of Bidford and Salford apart from the parish of Wixford.</p> <p>Bidford East would comprise solely of Bidford on Avon parish (Bidford ward) east of Westholme Road. This ward would also include the hamlets of Barton and Marcliff.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Bidford West &amp; Salford</b>	1	<b>2,953</b>	2%	<p>This ward would comprise of the parishes of Salford Priors, Bidford on Avon (Bidford Ward) west of Westholme Road and the Broom Ward of the parish.</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Bishops Itchington</b>	1	<b>2,965</b>	3%	<p>This ward would comprise of Bishops Itchington, Burton Dassett and Gaydon parishes.</p> <p>Although not particularly strong ties between the parishes there is good transport links with all settlements.</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Brailes and Compton</b>	1	<b>2,853</b>	-1%	<p>This ward would comprise of the parishes of Barton-on-the-Heath, Brailes, Cherington and Stourton (who act as a joint parish council), Great Wolford, Little Compton, Little Wolford,</p>

					<p>Long Compton, Sutton-under-Brailes, Whichford &amp; Ascott.</p> <p>This ward is basically the current Long Compton Ward with the addition of Brailes and Sutton-under-Brailes.</p> <p>It would be possible to add Burmington and Tidmington parishes to this ward which would change the forecast variance to 4% and make the proposed Ettington Ward variance -4% both still well within limits.*</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Ettington</b>	1	<b>2,923</b>	1%	<p>This ward would comprise of the parishes of Alderminster, Barcheston &amp; Willington, Burmington, Ettington, Halford, Honington, Idlicote, Loxley, Pillerton Hersey, Pillerton Priors, Preston-on-Stour, Tidmington.</p> <p>Although all settlements in the ward can be reached without having to enter another ward it is recognised that this isn't an ideal ward with regard to local cohesion.</p> <p>There would be an option to move some of the smaller parishes without upsetting ward size too much for example Preston-on-Stour to remain in the proposed Quinton Ward or Burmington and Tidmington to move to the proposed Brailes and Compton Ward or even the proposed Shipston South Ward.*</p> <p>Burmington and Tidmington were put in Ettington to keep them with Honington and Idlicote which are in the current ward of Brailes.</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Harbury</b>	1	<b>2,825</b>	-2%	<p>This ward would comprise of the parishes of Chesterton &amp; Kingston, Harbury and Lighthorne Heath.</p> <p>Lighthorne Heath did not exist as a parish at the time of the last</p>

					review and has very little connection with the parish of Lighthorne so is of lesser importance to keep the parishes in the same district ward.
<b>9</b>	<b>Henley-in-Arden</b>	1	<b>3,209</b>	<b>11%</b>	<p>This ward would comprise of the parishes of Beaudesert, Henley-in-Arden and Ullenhall.</p> <p>Ullenhall's nearest market town is Henley-in-Arden and is already within the Henley County Division.</p>
<b>10</b>	<b>Kineton</b>	1	<b>2,851</b>	-1%	<p>This ward would comprise of Butlers Marston, Chadshunt, Combrook, Compton Verney, Kineton, Lighthorne</p> <p>The significant differences to the current Kineton Ward are the removal of Gaydon and Lighthorne Heath parishes and the addition of Butlers Marston parish.</p> <p>This parish is just over a mile from Kineton village centre so would identify itself with Kineton.</p>
<b>11</b>	<b>Kinwarton</b>	1	<b>2,979</b>	3%	<p>This ward would comprise of the parishes of Aston Cantlow, Coughton, Great Alne, Haselor, Kinwarton, Morton Bagot, Oldberrow and Spenal.</p> <p>This proposal is a mainly rural ward with an urban environment within the parish of Kinwarton which adjoins the town of Alcester. At the recent Community Governance Review Kinwarton made clear that it would not like to become part of Alcester Parish.</p> <p>The three parishes of Morton Bagot, Oldberrow and Spenal have a lot in common (once being a parish council themselves) so would be necessary for all to be in the same ward. There is an alternative that these Parishes could be added to the proposed Studley North Ward without altering tolerances too much.</p>

<b>12</b>	<b>Long Itchington and Stockton</b>	1	<b>3,110</b>	8%	<p>This ward would comprise of the parishes of Long Itchington, Stockton and Ufton.</p> <p>Long Itchington and Ufton are already in the same ward. The parish of Stockton is added as this village is less than two miles from Long Itchington.</p> <p>Local Councillors confirmed Ufton and Long Itchington have a great deal in common.</p>
<b>13</b>	<b>Napton and Fenny Compton</b>	1	<b>2,502</b>	-13%	<p>This proposed ward is a large rural area and would comprise of a large number of small parishes namely Chapel Ascote, Fenny Compton, Hodnell &amp; Wills Pastures, Ladbroke, Napton, Priors Hardwick, Priors Marston, Radbourne, Upper &amp; Lower Shuckburgh, Stoneton, Watergall and Wormleighton.</p> <p>Even with this number of parishes the area is still 13% under the optimum amount of electors. This is due to a number of the parishes having very small numbers of electors with the smallest being just four.</p> <p>There is no option to move another parish into this ward without upsetting the variance to over 13% in an adjoining proposed district ward.</p>
<b>14</b>	<b>Quinton</b>	1	<b>2,976</b>	3%	<p>This ward would comprise of the parishes of Admington, Ilmington, Quinton and Whitchurch.</p> <p>An option for this ward is to add Preston-on-Stour back into here as it is currently a part of it, this would still keep variances within the 10% banding.*</p>

					It should be noted that part of the parish boundary of Quinton and Marston Sicca (commonly known as Long Marston) has no definable boundary line on the ground.
<b>15</b>	<b>Red Horse</b>	1	<b>2,685</b>	-7%	<p>This ward would comprise of the parishes of Avon Dassett, Compton Wynyates, Farnborough, Oxhill, Radway, Ratley and Upton, Shotteswell, Tysoe, Warmington and Whatcote.</p> <p>The proposed ward follows the geographic escarpment of Edge Hill at the south easterly end of the district.</p> <p>The name derives from an earth cut horse hill figure that was formerly above the village of Tysoe.</p>
<b>16</b>	<b>Shipston North</b>	1	<b>2,891</b>	0%	This ward would comprise of the parishes of Tredington (both parish wards) and the north part of Shipston-on-Stour utilising a boundary running down the River Stour until it reaches Mill Street crossing it. At this point the boundary would bear right into Mill Street, go around the traffic island and enter West Street. It would then turn right again into Darlingscote Road and follow it north to the extent of the parish.
<b>17</b>	<b>Shipston South</b>	1	<b>2,867</b>	-1%	This ward would comprise of the remainder of Shipston-on-Stour utilising the same boundaries as in Shipston North above and the Stretton-on-Fosse Parish which local members state has more affinity with Shipston-on-Stour than other nearby settlements.
<b>18</b>	<b>Snitterfield</b>	1	<b>2,894</b>	0%	This ward would be the same as the current Snitterfield ward, comprising of the parishes of Charlecote, Fulbrook, Hampton Lucy, Snitterfield, Wolverton, with the addition of the parish of Claverdon.

19	Southam North	1	2,817	-2%	This ward would comprise of the Mill Hill Ward and the northern part of the current Merestone Ward of Southam town. The boundary would follow the course of the River Stowe from the west to meet Warwick Street where it bears left and then into Market Hill and out of town on Daventry Street. It would then pass over the roundabout and exit Daventry Road to the left to resume the course of the River Stowe to the extent of the parish.
20	Southam South	1	2,499	-13%	This ward would comprise of the Browns Bridge Ward and the southern part of the current Merestone Ward of Southam Town.  At the Council meeting when this submission was made the current District Councillors of Southam wished it be known that they would like a two member ward for Southam.
	<b>Stratford Wards: Introduction</b>				<p>Until 2002 the town had twelve District Councillors representing it. However after 2002 this was reduced to eleven. The latest proposal is for this figure to be further reduced to nine.</p> <p>For many years certain geographical features have been used to mark boundaries between wards and these include the Birmingham, Alcester, Evesham, Clopton and Loxley roads. Other features used are the railway line, the canal, the river and a brook which is underground for part of its course. These features are all well established and expected to still be around for many years to come.</p> <p>However the features mentioned above for demarcation have identified areas which have in the past been represented by two or even three councillors and certain parts of town have now either been more greatly populated or are expected to be so. This is particularly the case in the north and the west of the town. If nine single member wards are to be identified with similar levels of electorate then new boundaries will need to be</p>



					<p>identified and perhaps ones used in the past be abandoned at least in part. To this end Shottery Brook has needed to be used, travelling north to south on the west side of town. Also used is a fence which separates a very new development and a much more mature one, so likely to remain in place for quite some time.</p> <p>It is considered that the river is such an imposing feature that it would not be appropriate to have a ward which extends across it.</p>
21	<b>Stratford-upon-Avon Avenue</b>	1	<b>2,353</b>	-18%	This ward would comprise of a boundary running along the railway line to fencing between Park Court/Park Road and Cordelia Close/Portia Road then part of the Birmingham Road and the town boundary in the north.
22	<b>Stratford-upon-Avon Bishopton</b>	1	<b>2,793</b>	-3%	This ward would comprise of a boundary running along Alcester Road following Shottery Brook to Timothy's Bridge Road (although an alternative here is to follow the canal) onto Bishopton Lane and joining the railway at the bridge and then to the town boundary in the west.
23	<b>Stratford-upon-Avon Bridgetown</b>	1	<b>3,139</b>	9%	<p>This ward would comprise of a boundary south of the River, then to follow the Banbury Road from Clopton Bridge to the extent of the parish.</p> <p>This ward would <b>include</b> all properties in the Banbury Road (A422) and the cul-de-sacs of Waterloo Drive, Wellington Drive, Milestone Road, Waterloo Rise, Feldon Way, Neptune Drive and Saturn Way.</p> <p>The above properties were chosen as it was thought electors would identify themselves more with Bridgetown than with Tiddington.</p>

24	<b>Stratford-upon-Avon Clopton</b>	1	2,472	-14%	This ward would comprise of the railway line, fencing between Park Court/Park Road and Cordelia Close/Portia Road, part of the Birmingham Road, part of the Alcester Road, Arden Street, Clopton Road and the Town boundary in the north. After the end of Clopton Road the boundary traverses open ground, an alternative to this would be follow the edge of the Clopton estate to Clopton tower and then follow the edge of the wooded area to the Town boundary.
25	<b>Stratford-upon-Avon Elm</b>	1	2,382	-17%	This ward would comprise of an area bounded by railway line in the north of the ward following Shottery brook south (see Bishopton ward above) down to the Evesham Road, east to the subterranean brook which follows The Willows and Brookvale Road north, finally joining the Alcester road east to the railway.
26	<b>Stratford-upon-Avon Guild</b>	1	2,927	1%	This ward would comprise of Evesham Road, the Seven Meadows road (A4390), the river to Clopton Bridge, Bridgefoot, Guild Street, turning left to Arden Street, part of Alcester Road, then to a subterranean brook which follows The Willows and Brookvale Road.
27	<b>Stratford-upon-Avon Hathaway –</b>	1	3,063	6%	This ward would comprise of part of the Alcester Road, the Town boundary in the west to the Evesham Road, Shottery Brook south to the river, the Seven Meadows Road from the bridge to the beginning of the Evesham Road, from the Evesham Road it follows Shottery Brook northwards.
28	<b>Stratford-upon-Avon Tiddington</b>	1	3,262	13%	This ward would have a boundary running adjacent to the Banbury Road but to <b>exclude</b> all its properties and the cul-de-sacs mentioned in the proposed Bridgetown Ward above. The other parts of the boundary would be the river and the current town boundary.

<b>29</b>	<b>Stratford-upon-Avon Welcombe</b>	1	<b>2,716</b>	-6%	The area of this ward would be bounded by the Clopton Road running north (see Clopton Ward above) to the town boundary. The river would make the eastern boundary to Clopton Bridge and the southern boundary being Bridgefoot and Guild Street.
<b>30</b>	<b>Studley North</b>	1	<b>2,903</b>	1%	To achieve the wards of Studley North and Studley South the parishes of Sambourne and Studley would require warding.  It is easily possible to split Sambourne Parish along The Slough (A448).  Studley could be split into a more rural northern part and an urban southern part in a loose triangle bounded by Station road and High Street running west to east, following the Alcester Road (A435) south and back to Station road via The Slough (A448).  This ward would comprise of the parish of Mappleborough Green, part of Sambourne Parish (above the A448) and the northern part of the parish of Studley.
<b>31</b>	<b>Studley South</b>	1	<b>3,112</b>	8%	This ward would comprise part of Sambourne Parish (below the A448) and the southern part of the parish of Studley.
<b>32</b>	<b>Tanworth-in-Arden</b>	1	<b>2,662</b>	-8%	This would comprise the whole of the Parish of Tanworth-in-Arden.
<b>33</b>	<b>Welford-on-Avon</b>	1	<b>2,984</b>	3%	This ward would comprise of the parishes of comprising Atherstone-on-Stour, Clifford Chambers & Milcote, Dorsington, Marston Sicca, Luddington, Welford-on-Avon, Weston-on-Avon.  Only Atherstone-on-Stour and Marston Sicca are not part of the current Welford ward.

					<p>Marston Sicca and Welford-on-Avon share the same main road running through the villages and were in the same ward before the last Electoral Review.</p> <p>Atherstone-on-Stour is a slight anomaly as there aren't any large roads connecting the parish to the rest of the ward. The parish has a projection of 60 electors for 2019 and is currently a parish meeting.</p> <p>It could be argued that this would better fit in the ward where Preston-on-Stour lies. However at the recent Community Governance Review, Atherstone electors were keen to remain an independent parish and not become part of Preston-on-Stour Parish.</p>
<b>34</b>	<b>Wellesbourne North</b>	1	<b>2,952</b>	8%	<p>This ward would comprise of the parishes of Moreton Morrell, Newbold Pacey and Ashorne, and the Hastings and Walton wards of the parish of Wellesbourne.</p> <p>These all currently form part of the current Wellesbourne Ward.</p>
<b>35</b>	<b>Wellesbourne South</b>	1	<b>3,197</b>	11%	<p>This ward would comprise solely of the Mountford Ward of Wellesbourne parish.</p>
<b>36</b>	<b>Wootton Wawen</b>	1	<b>3,019</b>	5%	<p>This ward would comprise of the parishes of Bearley, Billesley, Langley, Preston Bagot, Wilmcote and Wootton Wawen.</p> <p>The ward is based around the Birmingham Road (A3400) corridor from Stratford-upon-Avon towards Henley-in-Arden. This is the arterial road for all the parishes within this ward.</p>

\* Note: these comments were added after the agreement of Council.

<b>Check your data</b>	<b>2019</b>
Number of councillors:	<b>36</b>
Overall electorate:	<b>103,875</b>
Average electorate per cllr:	<b>2,885</b>

<i>Fill in the name of each ward once</i>	<i>Fill in the number of councillor</i>	<i>These cells will show you the electorate and variance. They change depending what you enter in the table to the left.</i>
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