

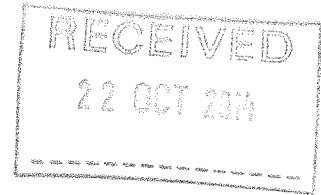
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Dear Mr Owen

Electoral Review of Warwickshire County Council: Draft Recommendations

I refer to your letter of 9th September 2014 regarding the above.

The proposals regarding the new electoral division no. 45 (Cubbington and Leek Wootton) have been discussed by the Parish Council and they have noted that it is being recommended to exclude the New Cubbington area, ie the Parish Council's North Ward, from the proposed new division.

The Parish Council believe that in the North Ward there is a cohesive community which identifies with Cubbington, experiences an effective and convenient delivery of local services, enjoys effective local democracy, and has a high level of community engagement. They therefore oppose the transfer of this area to the proposed Leamington North division.

The Parish Council circulated a leaflet to all residents in the North Ward when Warwick District Council announced the proposal to transfer this area to the Leamington Manor Town Ward. An on-line petition was also set up. It is believed that the majority of those who responded was opposed to the proposal and wished to remain in the Cubbington parish. Consequently, the Parish Council question whether the Boundary Commission are able to demonstrate that the majority of residents identify with the town of Royal Leamington Spa and wish to come within the boundary of the proposed new Leamington North division.

Concerns have also been raised regarding the geographical size of the proposed Cubbington and Leek Wootton division for which the County Councillor would be responsible. This is a predominantly rural area and is considered to be excessive for a single County Councillor to be able to cover effectively. Whilst the Parish Council understand the objective that each County Councillor should represent a similar number of voters they feel that to cover the area of the proposed division would be onerous and therefore weaken the democratic process.

The Parish Council would be grateful if their views could be taken into account when the Boundary Commission reaches a decision on this proposal.

Yours sincerely

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