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Dear Sir,

Electoral Review of Stratford on Avon New Ward Arrangements

Harbury Parish Council believes that the most organic arrangement of communities into a **ward for Harbury would include Chesterton and Kingston, Ufton and Ladbroke**. Harbury has strong existing links with these communities.

Chesterton is a small hamlet with a population of 123 in 2011. There are no facilities in Chesterton so residents naturally go to Harbury, the nearest large village, for shopping and to access library and medical services. The children in Chesterton attend Harbury Primary School.

Ufton is a larger community than Chesterton with a population of 319 in 2011, but like Chesterton there are no shops or services in the village. The village is equidistant between Harbury and Southam, and some children attend Harbury School.

Ladbroke had a population of 268 in 2011. The strongest connection between Harbury and Ladbroke is through the church, since the two village share a vicar. The Harbury and Ladbroke News has been a joint community newsletter for several decades.

Harbury itself is one of the largest villages in Stratford on Avon District, with a population in 2011 of 2,420. The four villages together have a total population of 3,136, which is close to the SDC target population for wards. They form a contiguous area between the motorway and Southam, and share many on-going concerns such as HS2, which will cut through the ward, and possible housing developments.

Yours faithfully,

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Clerk to the Council