



2nd November 2014

Dear Sirs

Boundary Review of Warwickshire

At its meeting of 13 October 2014, the Newbold on Avon Community Partnership unanimously resolved to write to the Boundary Commission in the strongest possible terms to object to the Boundary Commission's recommendation to split Newbold in half in respect of future county council representation.

We understand that the plans suggest that the old village area of Newbold around Main Street along with Parkfield Road, Brownsover Road and Pantolf Place would form part of a Fosse County Division, and that the rest of Newbold should be added to a new division of Benn and New Bilton. Newbold would disappear altogether.

We totally reject this proposal.

Newbold on Avon Community Partnership was established in 2012 to bring all the different communities of Newbold on Avon together. Centred on the River Avon, it includes the Super Output Area called Newbold Riverside which has long been identified as an area of multiple deprivation and as such has been identified as an area of particular emphasis by the Rugby LSP, including its Borough and County Council partners, health providers and local communities, as needing specific support to tackle deprivation. It is a key partner in the Regeneration Strategy for Rugby. The Commission's proposals cut this SOA in half. The impact will be to dissolve our working relationships with councillors at a county level and may bring our work to develop better solutions for Newbold into jeopardy.

Newbold on Avon Community Partnership has a particular aim to bring all its diverse communities together. We have close links to Brownsover, sharing councillors at a ward level in Rugby Borough Council. Newbold Main Street has very few links to the rural communities of Fosse and to share a county division would mean the area of deprivation in Newbold would be effectively ignored. We also are actively engaged in the Rugby Town North Community Forum which sometimes meets at the Avon Valley School in Newbold. There is no question that we would find attending or engaging in the Rugby Rural Community Forum very difficult if not impossible – it has no common ground with Newbold whatsoever. Newbold is not a rural community in the accepted sense of the word. Our secondary School, Avon Valley, is a main school for the whole of north Rugby. Very few Fosse residents send their children to Avon Valley.

Secretary: Cllr Claire Edwards

Many residents in Newbold work in Swift Valley to the east of Newbold and this acts as a natural link to Brownsover. Most residents shop in Elliotts Field and Junction One, again a key community area which straddles Newbold and Brownsover in the Leicester Road. Its redevelopment will be a major pull on shoppers and traffic in the coming years.

We have just completed a cyclepath which runs along an disused viaduct from Newbold at Brownsover Road, linking the canal with the River Avon and into the town centre along the so called Black Path at Rugby rail station. Our links are to the east in Brownsover and to the south in Rugby itself.

For these reasons we would suggest a continued county council division that not only includes Newbold in the title, but builds on the natural links to Brownsover.

Many thanks

Yours faithfully

C EDWARDS
Secretary
Newbold on Avon Community Partnership