

Local Government Boundary Commission for England: Electoral Review for Warwickshire County

Submission by Warwickshire Liberal Democrats

1. The Liberal Democrat Group on Warwickshire County Council is fully in support of the detailed proposals for revised county divisions put forward by the Council following its meeting on 10th April 2014.
2. In particular, we support the proposals for dual member divisions in the towns of Rugby (R9 Eastlands & Hillmorton), Leamington (W6 Leamington North) and Stratford upon Avon (S12 Stratford South). Existing dual member divisions in these urban areas have worked well in practice. The new proposed dual member divisions will achieve high levels of co-terminosity with new district and borough wards, and with other community-focused geographical areas such as Community Forums, Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams and School Clusters.
3. We also support the proposals for the three Kenilworth divisions (W2 Kenilworth St Johns, W3 Kenilworth Abbey and W4 Kenilworth Park Hill), which in each case will link rural areas immediately adjacent to the town in a logical way that reflects existing community links. The retention of Burton Green parish and the University parish within the same county division (W3 Kenilworth Abbey) will ensure high co-terminosity with the new Abbey district ward and will complement the proposed amalgamation of the two parish wards into a single parish council in May 2015.

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