

Warwickshire County

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The Boundary Commission proposals closely resemble Warwickshire's rejected alternative proposals. There is disappointment that the WCC proposals appear to have not been adopted, despite the fact that they closely meet requirements. The revised draft proposals do not appear to recognise adequately long established urban communities. The Commission should encompass the needs of the Rugby urban area as well as the views of Parish councils which do not represent urban wards. The people of Rugby Borough will be disappointed with these proposals if they remain un-amended to reflect these concerns. There is particular concern of the effect on communities in New Bilton, Newbold and Benn communities. Currently both Benn and New Bilton are supported through the LSP and it is recognised that they score highly in terms of the deprivation indicators and Borough plans support this. There are many well established communities with their own associations and neighbourhood watches. With better co-terminosity between these communities and electoral divisions, more effective representation will be possible. The following requests must therefore be made: 1) The proposal for Newbold Village splits it into two. It has no parish council of its own, and yet half of it is proposed to be moved into "Fosse" division which otherwise is made up of parish-council areas will therefore form an area of neglect. We propose that the western part of the village of Newbold (Polling District "GA") be transferred from the division described as "Fosse" to the division described as "Newbold & Coton".2) In order to keep the village of Newbold within the same Borough ward and the same County division, it is also proposed that the eastern part of the village of Newbold (Polling District "GD") be transferred from the division described as "Benn and New Bilton" to the division described as "Newbold & Coton".3) In order to now align the division described as "Brownsover & Coton", it is proposed that Polling District "GC" be transferred into the division now described as "Brownsover & Benn", and that the parished villages of Churchover (KJ2) and Cosford (KN) be placed in "Fosse" division as now. 4) New Bilton would be divided under the draft proposals from its long established community identity. Only a single polling district from the current New Bilton ward is proposed to be included in it. As such it would maintain existing community links if polling district FA were transferred to the division described as "New Bilton & Overslade". If the draft is implemented as at present, the Indian Community Centre and the New Bilton Community Association located within this polling district would be separated from the communities which they serve. 5) To maintain electoral equality it is further suggested that polling divisions JA, JB, JC and the Grosvenor Road part of BG be transferred to the division described as "Brownsover & Benn" as they clearly form part of the recognised cohesive town centre community. 6) The polling districts BD, BF & the rest of BG in Benn Ward are placed in "Brownsover and Benn" division, and to maintain electoral balance and community links, the most northerly polling districts BA & BB, suggested by the Commission to be in "Benn & New Bilton" division be moved into "New Bilton & Overslade" division. 7) As the urban village of Newbold is now retained along with the Coton part of Brownsover & Coton division, it becomes named "Newbold & Coton" division. This division, served by Newbold Residents Association for the Newbold Community, Brownsover Community Association for polling district GB, an area of deprivation names "Brownsover South Lake District North", and Coton Park residents Association for the Coton area has ideal representation and focused attention for its varied communities. 8) To preserve established community identities, it is proposed that the divisional names are as follows: The proposed name of "Caldecott" be

deleted, and changed to "New Bilton & Overslade" as the vast majority of the existing New Bilton ward and the established Overslade estate (including their community centres) become aligned. As the proposed name for "Benn and New Bilton" division now has the single New Bilton polling district "FA" removed, but two established parts of the Brownsover Estate added that it becomes "Brownsover & Benn" division. In summary, therefore the following is proposed:

PD Borough Ward Electors Commission Draft This proposal BA Benn 1,093 Benn & New Bilton New Bilton & Overslade BB Benn 891 Benn & New Bilton New Bilton & Overslade BD Benn 540 Caldecott Brownsover & Benn BF Benn 747 Caldecott Brownsover & Benn BG Benn 47 Eastlands Brownsover & Benn BG Benn 353 Caldecott Brownsover & Benn FA New Bilton 1,359 Benn & New Bilton New Bilton & Overslade GA Newbold & Brownsover 1,151 Fosse Newbold & Coton GD Newbold & Brownsover 691 Benn & New Bilton Newbold & Coton GC Newbold & Brownsover 835 Brownsover & Coton Brownsover & Benn JA Eastlands 172 Caldecott Brownsover & Benn JB Eastlands 556 Caldecott Brownsover & Benn JC Eastlands 581 Caldecott Brownsover & Benn KJ2 Coton & Boughton 888 Brownsover & Coton Fosse KN Newbold & Brownsover 11 Brownsover & Coton Fosse

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