

Kenilworth Town Council

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Our reference: GDS/TC/08112012

Your reference:

Mr C Elliott
The Returning Officer
Warwick District Council
Riverside House
Milverton Hill
Royal Leamington Spa
CV32 5HZ

Dear Mr Elliott,

TOWN COUNCIL WARD BOUNDARIES IN KENILWORTH

1. The Boundary Commission is currently reviewing the District Council Ward boundaries. As part of its review of these proposals, this Council has been examining their wider implications, as they could require subsequent adjustments to the Town ward boundaries in Kenilworth.
2. The proposal from the District to standardise on 2-member wards, which would require major boundary revisions, has been rejected by the Boundary Commission. They propose a 3-member ward covering the existing Abbey plus the University (with a minor change in the town centre), but propose 3 x 2-member wards in the rest of the town. This proposal would result in very complicated adjustments to boundaries and to the makeup of the Town Council.
3. A counter-proposal has been put forward which supports the extended 3-member Abbey ward but retains 2 x 3 member wards for the rest of the town. Park Hill would remain on existing boundaries, and St John's would gain a little of the town centre from the current Abbey.
4. The Boundary Commission further recommend that the Town Council should remain at 17 councillors. With 2-member wards within the town this becomes complicated, as their solution hints, but with the counter-proposal this is easily achieved by retaining the 5/6/6 distribution between Abbey, Park Hill, and St John's.
4. Making the Town ward boundaries coterminous with the revised District ward boundaries in the town centre results in over representation in Abbey (also without the University and Burton Green), but at Town level this is not a significant issue. Detailed calculations are shown in the table at Annex A overleaf.

5. Kenilworth Town Council considered the proposals at it last meeting and decided that, on the basis of the matters mentioned above, it wishes to retain the 3 wards and the 17 members if possible. It therefore requests that the foregoing considerations and details be utilized to assist in resolving the position.

6. Can you please consider these points and respond accordingly in due course.

G D Symes

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Information:

Electoral Services Manager and Deputy Local Returning Officer.

Proposal for
KENILWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

17 seats

<u>Ward</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>now</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>now</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>cllrs</u>	<u>per cllr</u>	<u>cfave</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Abbey</u>	KKA	1151	1190	5	907.60	85%	-15%
	KKC	1079	1115				
	KKD	1116	1153				
	KKEa	627	648				
	KKFa	418	432				
		4391	4538				
<u>Park Hill</u>	KLA	1227	1268	6	1137.83	106%	6%
	KLB	1442	1511				
	KLC	973	1020				
	KLD	798	836				
	KLE	1054	1104				
	KLF	1038	1088				
		6532	6827				
<u>St John's</u>	KMA	905	948	6	1148.33	107%	7%
	KMB	940	970				
	KMC	1094	1128				
	KMD	970	1001				
	KME	880	907				
	KMF	1158	1195				
	KKEb	278	287				
	KKFb	440	454				
		6665	6890				
<u>TOTAL</u>			<u>18255</u>				

