

A meeting of the above Committee will be held at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa on Monday 21 March 2022, at **5.00pm** and available for the public to watch via the Warwick District Council's [YouTube channel](#).

Councillor G Illingworth (Chairman)
Councillor P Redford (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor A Boad
Councillor G Cullinan
Councillor A Evans
Councillor C Gifford
Councillor J Grey
Councillor V Leigh Hunt

Councillor M Luckhurst
Councillor M Mangat
Councillor D Norris
Councillor W Roberts
Councillor S Syson
Councillor T Wright
WRA Vacancy

Agenda

1. Apologies & Substitutes

- (a) to receive apologies for absence from any Councillor who is unable to attend; and
- (b) to receive the name of any Councillor who is to act as a substitute, notice of which has been given to the Chief Executive, together with the name of the Councillor for whom they are acting.

2. Declarations of Interest

Members to declare the existence and nature of interests in items on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.

Declarations should be disclosed during this item. However, the existence and nature of any interest that subsequently becomes apparent during the course of the meeting must be disclosed immediately. If the interest is not registered, Members must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days.

Members are also reminded of the need to declare predetermination on any matter.

If Members are unsure about whether or not they have an interest, or about its nature, they are strongly advised to seek advice from officers prior to the meeting.

3. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the Committee meetings as set out below:

- a) 14 October 2020 – to correct the minutes so that they record that the minutes of the Licensing & Regulatory Panel held on 16 July 2020 were approved.

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- b) 19 July 2021
- c) 15 November 2021
- d) 16 November 2021

(Pages 1 to 8)

(Pages 1 to 2)

(Pages 1 to 10)

4. Minutes of Licence & Regulatory Panels

To confirm the minutes of the Licensing & Regulatory Panels as set out below:

- a) 3 August 2021
- b) 16 September 2021
- c) 26 October 2021

(Pages 1 to 5)

(Pages 1 to 3)

(Pages 1 to 5)

5. Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

To consider a report from Democratic Services.

(Pages 1 to 3 and Appendices 1 to 5)

6. Public and Press

To consider resolving that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as set out below.

Item Numbers	Paragraph Numbers	Reason
7	1	Information relating to an Individual
7	2	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual

7. Confidential Minutes of the Licence & Regulatory Panels

To confirm the confidential minutes of the Licensing & Regulatory Panel meeting held on 2 September 2021.

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Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Wednesday 14 October 2020 at 4.30pm, which was broadcast live via the Council's YouTube Channel.

Present: Councillor Heath (Chairman); Councillors Boad, Cullinan, A Dearing, Evans, C Gifford, Grey, Illingworth, Leigh-Hunt, Luckhurst, Mangat, Norris, Redford and Syson.

15. **Apologies and Substitutes**

(a) Apologies were received from Councillor Murphy.

(b) There were no substitutes.

16. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

17. **Minutes**

The minutes of the Committee meetings held on 8 July 2020 and 21 September 2020 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to an amendment to the minutes of the 8 July meeting, at page 2, paragraph 3, last sentence, to replace the word "discussed" with "consulted", to read: *"This approach had been informally ~~discussed~~ consulted with Warwickshire Police who supported this inclusion."*

18. **Minutes of Licensing & Regulatory Panels**

The minutes of the Licensing & Regulatory Panels held on 16 July 2020, 18 August 2020 and 22 September 2020 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

19. **Statement of Licensing Policy Review – Request for Public Consultation**

The Committee considered a report from Health and Community Protection which advised Members of the statutory requirement to review the Statement of Licensing Policy and informed them of the proposed schedule for meeting the Council's legal requirements.

Under the terms of the Licensing Act 2003, the Council's statement of licensing policy had to be reviewed every three years. The current statement of licensing policy came into effect on the 5 January 2018 and a review had to therefore be completed and a revised statement published by 4 January 2021.

Before amending the policy for a further three-year period, licensing authorities were required to carry out a wide consultation process. In addition to those it had to consult by law, the Council had authority to include in the process any individuals or organisations it deemed appropriate.

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The Council responding to the Covid-19 pandemic had impacted on the timelines of the planned review, therefore the proposal was to have minimal changes to the wording of the policy and that the consultation would be conducted on the existing wording of the statement of policy, attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Officers were working to create a new timeline in order to ensure the correct approvals were received in accordance with Council's Constitution to enable the Statement of Policy to be approved by the appropriate date.

In terms of alternatives, it could be determined that the review of the Statement of Licensing Policy should not take place. However, this was a legal requirement and failing to conduct a public consultation at this time would impact on the Council's ability to have an approved statement in place by the required date.

An addendum circulated at the meeting advised Members that following feedback from the Council's legal advisor, officers wished to amend the consultation period from 15 October - 26 November 2020 to 15 October - 5 November 2020. This was in order to enable Council to consider the recommendation at its meeting on 18 November 2020. As a result, recommendation 2.1 should now read: *That the Licensing and Regulatory Committee supports the proposals to hold a public consultation on the Statement of Licensing Policy between 15th October 2020 and 5th November 2020.*

In addition, shortly before the meeting, a revised Statement of Licensing Policy was circulated to Members and available online. Following consultation with the Council's legal advisor, the draft policy had been revised to remove the references to the Cumulative Impact Zone.

The Licensing Team Leader apologised for the revised appendix being circulated so late in the day and explained this was because of the delay in her receiving the advice from the Council's solicitor.

Councillor Syson was concerned by the removal of the Cumulative Impact Zone from the policy, and that the changes came so late in the day. She asked for clarification on Section 7.2 of the revised appendix, which now stated that "the Licensing Authority has not been presented with sufficient evidence to consider any area within the Borough to currently have a particular concentration of licensed premises causing a cumulative impact on one or more of the licensing objectives. The Licensing Authority will keep this matter under review and accordingly reserves the right, should the need arise, to introduce a special policy concerning cumulative impact during the life of this statement of licensing policy."

In response, the Licensing Team Leader advised that from 2005, the Council had a Cumulative Impact Zone or a Saturation Zone. Unfortunately, the data on which the Council's Cumulative Impact Zone was based was now almost 12 years old. The law required the Council to have robust and relevant data to show there was a need for the Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ) to be in place. Following legal advice, it was felt that at this moment in time, the Council did not have robust and reliable data to support a CIZ anywhere in the District. As a result, this was removed from the policy and

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if it was determined that one was needed, a separate Cumulative Impact Policy could be generated based on new, relevant, robust data.

In answer to questions from Members, the Licensing Team Leader advised that:

- there was nothing intentional about not mentioning the inclusion of the CIZ in her presentation to Members and the delay in the revised appendix being circulated to Members was due to legal advice having been received late on the evening before the meeting;
- section 7.2 of the appendix would be corrected, to replace the word "borough" with "district";
- back in January 2020, the Licensing Team Leader had approached the relevant department within the Police to ask for supporting information in order to revise the CIZ. She followed up in April and May, but was told they were too busy to provide the Council with the data it needed in order to review the CIZ properly at this time;
- the Licensing Team Leader believed that the number of complaints about antisocial behaviour and violent crime associated with the night time economy in Leamington Spa had significantly reduced when compared with the data used for the current CIZ; there had been a significant reduction in crime across the District;
- the need for a Cumulative Impact Policy had to be justified, given the reduction in crime;
- whilst the process of producing a Cumulative Impact Policy could be started quickly by officers, this had to be underpinned by data provided by the Police, and at this time, they were too busy to give the Council this data;
- the Police had not been told of the revision to the Licensing Policy, to remove the CIZ, because approval was needed from the Committee before going out for consultation on the revised policy;
- the request to the Police had gone through the data handling and statistics departments, but the Licensing Team Leader would make further contact with the Police licensing team;
- the concern of the legal officer was that the CIZ was drawn based on data which was 12 years old, and that a new policy was needed specifically for the CIZ;
- street crime was not something that could be looked at and the data required had to be specifically linked to licensed premises. It was this separation of the data which was difficult and time consuming for the Police to make;
- the antisocial behaviour information recorded by the Council could not be used because it was not linked to premises but rather, it was more to do with green spaces such as parks and disputes between neighbours. These could not be used for the Cumulative Impact Assessment;
- it would be very difficult to defend the refusal of a licence based on data which was 12 years old, hence why the legal advice was to remove the CIZ from the policy and start again;
- the map attached at Appendix 2 of the draft policy prior to its revision had been designed by the Licensing Team Leader back in 2009 and she was almost certain this map was no longer correct;
- the only change to the draft policy as it was initially circulated was to do with the CIZ;

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- paragraph 10.12 would be reviewed by the Licensing Team Leader to in case further changes were needed prior to the public consultation;
- no data from 2020 would be used, be it pre or post lockdown, when there had been exceptional behaviours and reporting whilst the restrictions were in place. The data to be used would be audited, verified data, in the same way in 2009, data from 2007 was being used;
- the current policy could not be extended even for a shorter period of time without going out to consultation;
- the policy could last up to five years, anything less than five years would be at the Council's discretion and the Council could review or amend it sooner than that.

Councillors Redford, Illingworth and Gifford felt that the CIZ was a very useful tool and having it in place was a big reason why there had been a decrease in antisocial behaviour and violent crime in Leamington Spa. As a result, it was important to take the necessary measures to have a new one in place as soon as possible.

At the request of the Committee, the Head of Health and Community Protection agreed to contact the Police and ask that the data required for the review of the CIZ would be provided to the Council as a matter of urgency, given it had initially been requested back in January.

It was proposed by Councillor Illingworth and seconded by Councillor Redford that the recommendation in the report, addendum and revised appendix be approved, subject to the addition of a second recommendation, and an amendment to Appendix 1, page 6, paragraph 7.2, to replace the word "Borough" with "District". The Licensing Team Leader would investigate if any changes were necessary to paragraph 10.12 in the revised appendix.

The Committee therefore

Resolved that

- (1) the proposals to hold a public consultation on the Statement of Licensing Policy between 15 October 2020 and 5 November 2020, be approved; and
- (2) following its removal from the draft Policy, officers are asked to further investigate and bring forward proposals regarding the Cumulative Impact Zone as soon as practically possible.

20. Public Space Protection Orders (Intoxicating Substances)

The Committee considered a report from Health and Community Protection which provided an update as to the public consultation which had taken place in regard to the Public Space Protection Orders (Intoxicating Substances) (PSPO) and made recommendations as to the variation and implementation of a PSPO.

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On 8 July 2020, the Licensing and Regulatory Committee agreed to undertake a public consultation regarding proposals to changes to the existing PSPO which was due to expire on 21 October 2020.

The public consultation in regard to the proposals began on 14 July 2020 and ran until 11 August 2020, the results of which were included at Appendix 1 to the report (response received via the online consultation platform) and Appendix 2 to the report (correspondence as outlined below).

In accordance with the legislation, the following stakeholders were consulted:

- All holders of premises licences within the District;
- All District Councillors, Parish and Town Councils;
- Warwickshire Police;
- Public Notice in the newspaper; and
- Web and social media sharing of the proposals.

It was proposed that the existing Restricted Drinking Zone PSPO should be varied to create an Intoxicating Substances PSPO. This would make it an offence for a person 'without reasonable excuse' to fail to comply with a police officer's or designated officer's request in terms of ingestion, inhalation, injection, smoking or otherwise use of an intoxicating substance if it was believed by that authorised officer that the continuation of the use of those intoxicating substances would lead that person to carry out anti-social behaviour. The proposals were contained in Appendix 3 to the report.

An authorised officer could request that the consumption of substances should be stopped and/ or request for it to be surrendered.

The responses received via the online consultation platform showed that 80.2% were in favour of the introduction of the intoxicating substances zone (91 responses). In addition, correspondence of support had been received from licenced premises and organisations within the District as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

The legislation for PSPOs outlined that if orders were varied, extended or discharged, there were statutory requirements regarding publishing or publicising of this and that a consultation process was required.

In terms of alternatives, another option would be to renew the existing PSPO without alteration. However, the public consultation had shown overwhelming support for the proposed changes to the PSPO. This would also prompt a further consultation to allow stakeholders to provide feedback on the proposals. Alternatively, a decision could be taken to removal the existing orders in relation to the current District-wide restricted drinking zone. This would also require consultation with relevant stakeholders. As outlined within the report, the feedback received outlined overwhelming support for the proposed changes.

In answer to questions from Members, the Head of Health and Community Protection advised that:

- this was a public consultation and as a result, not only were stakeholders consulted, but it was also available for the wider public to comment upon;

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- altogether, there were 91 responses on the online platform, and two other responses as detailed at Appendix 2 to the report;
- a definition of the intoxicating substances was provided in the proposed order attached at Appendix 3 to the report, stating: "Intoxicating Substances are defined for the purposes of this order as Alcohol and any other substance which have the ability to suppress and/or depress the bodies central nervous system". It was written in such a way to cover not only illicit substances, but also those who are "legal highs", such as nitrous oxide;

It was proposed by Councillor Boad and seconded by Councillor Redford that the recommendations in the report be approved.

The Committee therefore

Resolved that

- (1) the variances to the existing order district wide restricted drinking zone be agreed in order to create a district wide intoxicating substances zone; and
- (2) the adoption of the PSPO for the next three years, be agreed.

21. Public Space Protection Orders (Dog Controls)

The Committee considered a report from Health and Community Protection which provided an update on the stakeholder consultation which had taken place in regard to the Public Space Protection Orders (Dog Controls) (PSPO) and made recommendations as to the extension of the existing orders.

On 21 September 2020, the Licensing and Regulatory Committee agreed to undertake a consultation regarding the proposal to extend the existing PSPO which was due to expire on the 21 October 2020.

The consultation began on 22 September and ran until 5 October 2020. The results of that consultation were included as Appendix 1 to the report. From the responses received, there were no objections to extending the existing orders.

In accordance with the legislation, the following stakeholders were consulted:

- All District Councillors, Parish and Town Councils.
- Warwickshire Police;
- The Dogs Trust;
- The Kennel Club;
- Guide Dogs;
- The Jockey Club; and
- All other relevant land owners.

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It was proposed that the existing PSPO regarding dog controls were extended for a further three years without alteration. The wording for the existing orders were contained in Appendix 2 to the report.

The PSPOs had a term of three years and as outlined in the previous reports, the legislation for PSPOs outlined that if orders were varied, extended or discharged, there were statutory requirements regarding publishing or publicising of this and that a consultation process was required.

In terms of alternatives, a decision could be taken to remove the existing orders in relation to the current dog controls. This would also require consultation with relevant stakeholders. However, the feedback received outlined overwhelming support for the extension of the existing orders.

The existing consultation could move on to a public consultation following a report to the Committee outlining the proposals for the PSPOs which were reflective of the stakeholder pre-engagement activities. However, as outlined previously, it was not believed that a fair public consultation could be conducted at this time.

In addition to the above, the timeline for such a consultation and report would still require the existing orders to be extended to allow the consolidation of the feedback from the pre-consultation process, a suitable public consultation period and the preparation of reports to Committee regarding the adoption and/ or amendments required to the revised PSPOs.

In answer to questions from Members, the Head of Health and Community Protection advised that:

- a further consultation had not been scheduled at the moment, but the intention was to plan one for later in 2021, to allow sufficient time for those being consulted to understand and review any proposed changes;
- whilst paragraph 4 of the regulation, which did not mention any specific play areas, if these were covered under the previous PSPO, these would remain covered by the new ones;
- whilst the list of children's play areas could be amended in the future, this could not be done at this stage because the consultation had been for an extension of the existing Order; and
- in relation to section 3.3, page 2 in the report, when changes to the PSPO were brought forward later in 2021, a wider consultation could take place, to include a wider range of organisations.

Following consideration of the report, it was proposed by Councillor Boad and seconded by Councillor Illingworth that the recommendations in the report be approved.

The Committee therefore

Resolved that the extension of the existing PSPO relating to Dog Controls for a further three years, be agreed.

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22. Public and Press

Resolved that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

23. Minutes of Licensing & Regulatory Panels

The confidential minutes of the Licensing & Regulatory Panel held on 2 June 2020 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

(The meeting ended at 7.39pm)

CHAIRMAN
16 November 2020

Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Excerpt of the Minutes of the remote meeting held on Monday 19 July 2021 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 4.30pm

Present: Councillors Illingworth (Chairman), Cullinan, Grey, Leigh-Hunt, Mangat, Redford, and Wright.

8. **Apologies and Substitutes**

(a) apologies for absence were received from Councillors Boad, C Gifford, Heath, Norris and Syson; and

(b) there were no substitutes.

9. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

10. **Minutes**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 5 May 2021 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

11. **Minutes of Licensing & Regulatory Panels**

The minutes of the Licensing & Regulatory Panels held on 29 April 2021 and 3 June 2021 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

12. **Statutory Review of Gambling Policy – Request for public consultation**

The Committee considered a report from Health and Community Protection which advised of the statutory requirement to review the Gambling Policy and informed of the proposed schedule for meeting legal requirements.

The report set out the new Gambling Policy/Statement of Principles to the Committee and highlighted the changes between the current policy and the proposed policy.

The Licensing Authority was required by the Gambling Act 2005 to review its Statement of Principles every three years.

The changes to the policy were minimal and were designed to reflect both the Authority's current approach to the Gambling Regime in terms of the unique character of the District and the application of generic legislation, and its desire to work more closely with Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

The current Policy was attached as Appendix 1 to the report and the changes were listed in Appendix 2 to the report.

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Resolved that the proposals to hold a public consultation on the revised policy between 23 July 2021 and 3 September 2021, be approved.

13. Street Trading Policy Review – Request for public consultation

The Committee considered a report from Health and Community Protection which presented the reviewed Street Trading Policy and requested that the document be put forward for public consultation.

The Street Trading Policy had undergone a routine review by officers. The policy required a full consultation exercise to be carried out when major changes were made to it.

Changes were proposed to the standard trading hours and to introduce a new type of consent.

The reviewed Policy was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Resolved that a six-week public consultation, on the revised Street Trading Policy, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

13. Proposed House to House Collections Policy

The Committee considered a report from Health and Community Protection which presented a new policy for House to House Collections which would be applicable to all applicants, and which requested that it be forwarded to Council for adoption.

The Licensing Authority was required to authorise house to house collections under the House to House Collections Regulations 1947.

The proposed policy had been consulted upon and was attached as Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 to the report set out the public consultation responses in relation to the Policy, as well as responses from officers and any advice from legal services. Legal advice had been sought on two areas of the proposed policy, 'contactless' donations via a credit/debit card would be covered by the policy and whether Warwick District Council should ever deviate from the policy for any reason which required legal advice.

On these points the legal advice was that of supporting the officers views, with the exception of point 12 of the public responses in Appendix 2 to the report, this had been received shortly before the meeting and was "*it is clear in my view that the regulations can only reasonably be interpreted as applying to cash collections*".

In terms of alternative options, the only other option would be that no Policy was introduced.

In response to questions from Members, the Licensing Team Leader advised that:

- Many of the larger charities could not be controlled by the Council because those types of charities had national dispensation whereby

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they did not need to inform the Council that they were coming to the area. The Policy was more about local charities, particularly those who used collection bags, as opposed to those who knock on doors regularly and ask for direct debits who were also given an exemption from the Secretary of State to inform the Council they were in the area. Charities that were trying to sell at the door or collect money, for example the Poppy Appeal, would need to inform the Council that they were coming to the area.

- The Council could not control designated charities that held exemptions from the Government, and therefore the way those charities and collectors would be vetted was separate.
- If two charities asked the Council for a collection on the same day and same time, preferential treatment would be given to the local charity.
- An officer would never move away from the policy without consulting with the Head of Service and Chairman of the Licensing & Regulatory Committee.

Members felt that the collection hours should be changed from 9am – 7pm, to 9am – 8pm, as they felt 7pm was too early to finish but also wanted to protect vulnerable members of the public and minimise disturbance. A proposal to amend these hours was voted on and was carried.

In response to further questions from Members, the Licensing Team Leader advised that:

- The application form the Council asked to be filled in included a desired date for collection and alternative dates, and with details about the area. This form could be altered to ensure the permit issued had a control measure on it that stated the Charity could not collect beyond 8pm. The Council would be monitoring and reviewing via complaints received.
- The application form included an estimate of costs, and the Charities were required to provide the Council the agreement they had with the Charity collector. If there was a collector acting on behalf of the charity there would be a contract in place, and to date the Council had never failed as a licensing authority to be provided with those contracts. Application forms would be scrutinised and compared with the contracts to make they matched, and where the percentage was not matched then that charity would not be issued with a permit in future, and also if follow up statements weren't provided.
- The way they currently worked allowed charities to tell the Council they would be collecting between a beginning and end date, with a maximum of 12 months, this Policy would mean that every time you would need to complete an application form and provide background information so there would be a better monitoring process, which was designed to help the Council and residents know the charity was legitimate.
- In relation to the legal advice received around point 12 of the public responses in Appendix 2 to the report, this had been received shortly before the meeting and was *"it is clear in my view that the regulations can only reasonably be interpreted as applying to cash collections"*. Therefore, it was understood that any of the QR code or chip and pin type collections that were undertaken on a high street or outdoors, there was no way for the Council to compel them to have a permit, or file the appropriate returns. The Licensing Team Leader asked if a

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review of this in light of this legal advice could be done, and sent to Members if the words changed, and the Committee were happy with this suggestion.

The Committee therefore

Recommended to Council that the House to House Collection Policy (attached as Appendix 1 to the minutes), subject to the above changes, be adopted.

14. Proposed Street Collections Policy

The Committee considered a report from Health and Community Protection which presented a new policy for Street Collections, which would be applicable to all applicants and requested that it be forwarded to Council for adoption.

The Licensing Authority was required to authorise street collections under the Police, Factories etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916.

The proposed policy had been consulted upon and was attached as Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 to the report set out the public consultation responses in relation to the Policy, as well as responses from officers and any advice from legal services. Legal advice had been sought on two areas of the proposed policy, 'contactless' donations via a credit/debit card would be covered by the policy and whether Warwick District Council should ever deviate from the policy for any reason which required legal advice.

On these points the legal advice was that of supporting the officer's views.

In terms of alternative options, the only other option would be that no Policy was introduced.

In response to a question from Members, the Licensing Team Leader advised that when a permit was issued or refused for a licence for a street collection or house to house collection, the Council informed the licensing officer at Warwickshire Police.

The Committee therefore

Recommended to Council that the Street Collection Policy (attached as Appendix 1 to the minutes), be adopted.

15. 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

The Committee considered a report from Democratic Services which informed Members of the proposed Parliamentary Constituencies for Warwick District as part of the first consultation and provided a suggested submission on behalf of the Council.

The 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies were underway, with the first proposals having been published by the Boundary Commission for

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England (BCE). The proposals were available online and open to comment from anyone by 2 August 2021.

The initial proposals for the West Midlands included revised boundaries for both the Kenilworth & Southam Constituency and the Warwick and Leamington Constituency. These would have electorates of 74,107 and 72,784 respectively, being the two largest electorates of the five in Warwickshire, however these were not the largest in the region which was over 77,000 or the smallest which was just under 70,000.

The remit of the Boundary Commission for England for this review set the UK electoral quota for the 2023 to the nearest whole number, 73,393. Accordingly, every recommended constituency (except the five 'protected' constituencies) needed to have an electorate as at 2 March 2020 that was no smaller than 69,724 and no larger than 77,062. There would be a further review of constituency boundaries but this would be for eight years after the completion of the 2023 review.

This Council had, for a significant time, received complaints regarding the current Constituency Boundaries as they were not aligned with either District or Town/Parish Boundaries. For example, in parts of Milverton Ward, a small number of properties on the same road were divided between two Constituencies. These proposals resolved those issues without significant change for the District.

There were two broad points of issue about the constituency proposals. The first was about the projected growth in size and the second was about the geography of the constituencies.

With regards to growth, officers had been looking at the growth of the electorate in South Warwickshire generally. Between the time of the report and 2028, within Warwick District, based on the current local plan proposed sites and approved developments, the electorate in the Warwick and Leamington Constituency was expected to grow by circa 4,400 electors and Kenilworth & Southam by 6,126. This growth in Kenilworth and Southam did not allow for growth within any Wards from Rugby Borough nor Stratford-on-Avon District Councils. For example, the development of the Gaydon Village site (circa 3,000 homes) was underway and the Cawston, Bilton, Dunchurch site (circa 5,000 homes) was now coming forward. As a result, there was potential for the Kenilworth & Southam constituency to become greater than 90,000 by the time of the next review, with Warwick & Leamington also being over the upper limit of 77,062.

To help mitigate the implications of some of this growth it was suggested that the Budbrooke Ward was retained within the Warwick and Leamington Constituency. It would enable by 2028, an electorate in Warwick & Leamington of over 82,000 and Kenilworth and Southam of over 81,000, which was a far more balanced outcome.

This said, by law, the Boundary Commission for England was not permitted to consider future growth, however it could consider special geographical considerations, including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency, and any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies. Therefore, any proposal to move Budbrooke Ward would need to provide clear evidence on these points.

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In terms of Geography, the Committee noted that the Constituency of Warwick and Leamington would be completely surrounded by the Constituency of Kenilworth & Southam. From inspection of the proposed constituencies in England, this only occurred in one other situation where York Central Constituency was surrounded by York Outer Constituency. No guidance on such an arrangement was provided by the BCE, however the LGBCE made the following reference on what they called "Doughnut Wards" - *"we occasionally receive proposals for a pattern of wards which propose an 'inner' ward and an 'outer' ward for a town or village. We will not normally recommend this kind of pattern because the communication links between the north and south of the outer ward are usually poor and we also often find that people in the northern part of the outer ward share higher levels of community identity with residents in the north of the inner ward than with residents in the south of the outer ward. Where we need to split a town or village to achieve electoral equality, we will usually seek an alternative to this pattern."*

Officers had considered this point and had consulted with its Budbrooke Ward Councillors, who supported Budbrooke remaining with Warwick & Leamington Constituency. The view of officers and Budbrooke Ward Councillors was due to the proximity of the Budbrooke Ward to Warwick and its relationship with its infrastructure being aligned with that of its nearest major town as well as Bishop's Tachbrook, this Ward should remain part of the Warwick & Leamington Constituency. Further the increased development in and around the east of this Ward would have greater community relationship with Warwick and Leamington and this would need to be fostered to help build a stronger and more cohesive community.

This change would recognise the concerns that the Local Government Boundary Commission raised generally about community and identity, which, while harder to achieve for large constituencies, officers considered that every effort should be made to follow them, especially when these communities were being built.

Currently, there was a Ward Boundary review being undertaken of Stratford-on-Avon District Council Wards, which would be concluded prior to the review of the Parliamentary Constituency review. While this might or might not come into effect dependent on the outcome of the potential merger with Warwick District Council, this Council should champion the need for coterminous boundaries. This was especially important when the changes could impact upon one of the Constituencies which represented Warwick District.

In terms of alternative options, within the guidelines for such reviews no alternative options had been considered, however the Committee could choose to provide a different submission to the Boundary Commission for England.

In response to questions from Members, the Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer advised that the Boundary Commission for England would be repeating this process every eight years and Warwick District Council were consultees. The proposed figures from the Commission was that Kenilworth and Southam would be on the limit of electors but including the expected growth it would be significantly out of

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tolerance. The Boundary Commission for England could not look at growth so the report had come forward with the suggested approach to try and mitigate this by arguing on community grounds.

In response to a further question from Members, the Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer clarified that Budbrooke was still in the Warwick and Leamington Constituency, but the Boundary Commission were proposing to remove it from the new Warwick and Leamington Constituency.

The Committee expressed that they were delighted that Warwick, Leamington and Whitnash were kept together as a single Constituency and asked that this be reflected in the comments from the Council.

The Committee therefore

Resolved that

- (1) the two proposed Parliamentary Constituencies covering Warwick District, of Kenilworth & Southam and Warwick and Leamington, as set out on the Plans at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to the report, be noted; and
- (2) the Boundary Commission for England be asked to consider the following points when setting the boundaries:
 - (i) the Council welcomes the retention of Warwick, Leamington & Whitnash in a single constituency and broadly supports the wider proposed Boundaries as they will address some long-standing issues within the District;
 - (ii) the Council objects to the creation of an island constituency for Warwick & Leamington for the reasons set out above;
 - (iii) the Warwick District Ward of Budbrooke should be moved into the Constituency of Warwick and Leamington for the reasons set out above;
 - (iv) the significant expected growth in the electorate for the Kenilworth & Southam Constituency be noted; and that this could be mitigated by moving the Budbrooke District Council Ward to Leamington & Warwick Constituency for the reasons set out above; without the need for the Commission to recognise growth;
 - (v) the Commission ensures their final proposals follow the final proposed wards

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of the current LGCBE boundary review for Stratford-on-Avon District Council to avoid the current issues of non-aligned boundaries for some Wards in South Warwickshire.

(The meeting ended at 5:38pm)

CHAIRMAN
21 March 2021

Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 November 2021 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 5.00pm.

Present: Councillors Illingworth (Chairman), Boad, Cullinan, C Gifford, Grey, Redford, Norris, and Syson.

16. **Apologies and Substitutes**

- (a) apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mangat and Wright.
- (b) there were no substitutes.

17. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

18. **Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles for the period of January 2022 to January 2025**

The Committee considered a report from Health and Community Protection which sought the consideration and formal adoption of the Gambling Act Statement of Principles for 2022-25.

The Council was required to produce a Statement of Principles (Policy) to enable it to issue licences and enforce the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005.

The existing policy expired on the 30 January 2022, and a copy was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

The proposed policy, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, was written in conjunction with our Warwickshire group of authorities. The group included Rugby, Nuneaton and Bedworth, North Warwickshire, Coventry and Stratford-on-Avon District Council. Officers had co-written this statement to produce one combined policy with some minor differences to allow for local statistical data and considerations. The changes between the current and the proposed new policy were attached as Appendix 3 to the report.

A six-week consultation was conducted with regards to the proposed policy for 2022 - 2025. Consultation was carried out with members of the trade, the public, responsible authorities, gambling charities, Chamber of Commerce, the Gambling Commission, Association of British Bookmakers, British Amusement Catering Trade Association, Gamcare, Gambleaware as well as Members.

The Council, as the licensing authority, was bound to produce a Statement of Principles as defined in the Gambling Act. Applications could not be determined until the authority had done so.

If accepted by Council, the policy would be valid from 31 January 2022 to 30 January 2025.

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The Council had an obligation to publish and review its Gambling Policy every three years in order to issue, administer and enforce the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005.

In terms of alternative options, the Council had no option but to adopt a Policy as defined in the Act and could not receive applications unless there was a Policy in place. There was limited discretion over how and when this was done and therefore Members could support the proposed Policy or amend the Policy.

In response to questions from Members, the Licensing Team Leader advised that:

- Licensed Gambling premises were inspected annually. An inspection sheet had been created with counterparts from the Gambling Commission, which was used to check relevant documents that premises needed to display, and they would inspect the premises' local risk assessment as part of the inspection. Any issues would be followed up and a reinspection would take place.
- There were national limits / maximum betting stakes that were in place, and as part of premises inspections, staff were asked about what the policy was if someone was deemed to have a gambling problem, and staff were encouraged to recognise if there was a customer that needed advice. There was a self-exclusion policy, but also a multi-premises exclusion policy, if individuals were minded. Part of the inspection also checked that premises were displaying leaflets regarding gambling help/support for individuals.
- Legal advisors had advised that it was not appropriate to include a policy not allowing a Casino in the District as part of the Gambling Policy.

The Committee therefore

Recommended to Council that the revised statement of Gambling Policy for 2022 – 2025, as set out at Appendix 1 to the minutes, be adopted.

(The meeting ended at 7.14pm)

CHAIRMAN
21 March 2022

Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Minutes of the Licensing & Regulatory Committee held remotely, on Tuesday 16 November 2021, at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors Illingworth (Chairman), Boad, Cullinan, Grey, Kohler, Leigh-Hunt, Mangat, Norris, Redford, Roberts and Syson.

Also Present: Emma Dudgeon (Licensing Enforcement Officer, observing only), Lesley Dury (Principal Committee Services Officer), Rob Edwards (Committee Services Officer, who left the meeting near the start), Caroline Gutteridge (Council's Solicitor), Rachael Russell (Licensing Team Leader) and Kris Walton (Digital Content & Social Media Officer, responsible for the livestream of the meeting to YouTube).

19. **Apologies & Substitutes**

- (a) apologies for absence were received from Councillors Evans, Luckhurst and Wright.
- (b) Councillor Kohler substituted for Councillor C Gifford.

20. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Syson declared an interest because Binswood News and Leamington Drinks were both in Milverton for which she was Ward Member. She had been in one of these shops, but not to purchase alcohol.

21. **Application for a review of the premises licence issued under the Licensing Act 2003 for Binswood News Limited.**

The Panel considered a report from Health and Community Protection which sought a review of a premises licence for Binswood News Limited, 24 Binswood Street, Royal Leamington Spa.

The Chairman asked the applicant and the licence holder to introduce themselves:

- Mrs Gina Punia, wife and business partner to the applicant, Mr Kamalprit Singh Punia who ran Leamington Drinks;
- Ms Katie Stanton, Solicitor, Smith & Wells Solicitors, representing the applicant;
- Mr and Mrs Onkar Singh Thiara, Licence Holders, who ran Binswood News; and
- Mr Abdul Salam Khan, Solicitor, TLP Solicitors, representing the Licence Holders.

The Council's Solicitor explained the procedure for the hearing and informed those present that the Committee would endeavour to make a final determination that day, which would be circulated to the applicant via email. A summary of the decision would be published on the Council's website and written copies of the decision would subsequently be posted to all those who had made

representations in relation to the application. The applicant or any person who had made representations could appeal against the decision to the Magistrates Court within 21 days of formal notification of the decision. She further explained that at the end of the hearing, the Committee would consider its decision, during which time all parties would be asked to leave the meeting and a new meeting would be created for Members, herself, and the Principal Committee Services Officer. Her role was only to provide legal advice, and not to make any recommendations as to the determination to be given.

The Licensing Team Leader outlined the report and asked the Committee to consider all the information contained within it in order to determine what action, if any, should be taken further to the representations received from Mr Punia.

An application for a review was received from Mr Kamalprit Singh Punia by Warwick District Council Licensing Authority on 21 September 2021 for Binswood News Limited, 24 Binswood Street, Royal Leamington Spa. The application was attached as appendix 1 to the report. CCTV footage referred to in the report was to be shown as part of the hearing.

There had been a premises licence in place at 24 Binswood Street, Royal Leamington Spa since 2008. The licence was transferred to Binswood News Limited in January 2015. Mr Onkar Singh Thiara was the sole director of Binswood News Limited and became the Designated Premises Supervisor for the premises in January 2015. A copy of the current premises licence and conditions was attached as appendix 2 to the report.

There had not been any representations from Responsible Authorities. There had been one further representation in support of the review from a local resident which was attached as appendix 3 to the report.

Correspondence had been received from Trading Standards that a visit was made to the premises along with Warwick District Council Licensing to provide advice following reports of underage sales. A test purchase exercise then took place on 21 September 2021, which the premises passed. A copy of the letter sent by Trading Standards was attached as appendix 4 to the report.

The Chairman confirmed that a correction had been circulated because the addresses were incorrect in the original solicitor's letter about the application.

The Chairman invited Mrs Punia to introduce the application for review and because the submission would involve filmed evidence, he reminded her that at this stage in proceedings, it might be necessary to move into confidential session whilst the footage was shown.

Mrs Punia informed Members that the application for a review had been made because of serious concerns about the sale of alcohol to people under the age of 18 which was taking place at Binswood News, contrary to the Licensing Act. This contravened the four licensing objectives. CCTV evidence had been provided of numerous incidents which had occurred over a two-month period; this had been provided to the Council. She then asked if the footage could be viewed. It was therefore

Resolved that

Under paragraph 14(2) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, the Licensing Authority may exclude the public from all or part of a hearing where it considers that the public interest in so doing outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing, taking place in public.

Under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press may be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as set out below.

Minute Number	Paragraph Numbers	Reason
21	1	Information relating to an individual
21	2	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual

(The livestream to YouTube was paused for the duration of the confidential part of the hearing.)

Mrs Punia then explained that she would narrate her account of what was happening as each video was shown. It was her belief that the people in the footage were underage and that the evidence showed that as they emerged out of Binswood News, they were carrying alcohol. In some cases, she informed Members that the people filmed had tried to buy alcohol from Leamington Drinks beforehand but had been refused service based on age and failure to provide ID. Mrs Punia showed approximately 12 videos which she said demonstrated that underage people had been able to purchase alcohol from Binswood News.

In response to a question from the Council's Solicitor, Mrs Punia confirmed that she had filmed some of the first video on her mobile phone.

After confirming that Mrs Punia had nothing left to say that was confidential, the Chairman invited Members to ask Mrs Punia questions on anything that had to be asked in the confidential element of the hearing.

The Council's Solicitor advised Members that in licensing hearings, evidence tended to be admissible in all forms and that would include hearsay evidence. The important consideration was the weight attached to the hearsay evidence when reaching a decision, for example, some Members might choose to attach more weight to some of the videos they had been shown rather than others.

In the absence of questions from Members, the Chairman invited Mr Khan to speak. Mr Khan pointed out that the videos did not show inside Binswood News and therefore did not show that the people did not provide ID. He also stated that only one of the videos showed that beforehand, the people had been in

Leamington Drinks before proceeding into Binswood News. However, there was no sound to go with the recording, so it was not clear what had been said.

The Chairman confirmed there were no further points that needed to be made in confidential session and the hearing resumed public session with the YouTube livestream being re-started.

The Chairman asked Mrs Punia if she had anything further to add; she did not. The Chairman then invited Members to ask Mrs Punia any further questions they might have.

In response to questions from Members, Mrs Punia explained that:

- August and September, the months when the videos shown to Members had been filmed, were during schools' summer break and the instances of underage selling was happening sometimes on a daily / weekly basis. She believed this was because the children were on school holiday. However, this was not the only time underage alcohol sales had transpired, and it had happened before.
- Video evidence had been collected because it had become a regular occurrence.
- Challenge 25 was in operation at Leamington Drinks and a book was kept to record when sale of alcohol was refused because of a failure to provide ID or the person was intoxicated. These written records correlated with the CCTV evidence.
- She believed that Binswood News would have been aware that videos were recorded and would have been aware that Trading Standards would be conducting a test purchase.
- Copies of the videos had been provided to the licence holder prior to the hearing.
- Part of the first video that had been shown had been filmed by Mrs Punia. She had been working in Leamington Drinks that day and had refused to sell alcohol to the person in the footage. When she then saw him go into Binswood News, she went outside and took footage on her mobile phone.
- All other video evidence had been filmed on the CCTV system at Leamington Drinks.
- Leamington Drinks had CCTV cameras outside and inside, filming constantly. The footage was kept for 30 days before being deleted.

The Council's Solicitor explained that premises that sold alcohol were not required to keep records of the age of people they sold to, they had to keep records of when there was a failure to provide ID when challenged. This meant that the licensee or person serving had to judge the customer's age. A failure to provide ID did not automatically mean that the person challenged was underage, it could mean that they had failed to provide ID.

Mr Khan was invited to ask Mrs Punia questions. Mr Khan made the point that whilst the video evidence had been shown, Mrs Punia had spoken and explained what she considered was happening and the narrative she had given had been self-serving. What had not been provided by the applicant was evidence that on each of the occasions shown on video, the sale of alcohol had been refused in Leamington Drinks when this was stated in the narrative given by Mrs Punia. He asked Mrs Punia why the record of refused sales had not been submitted as part of the applicant's evidence.

Mrs Punia explained that there had been times when the people had come into Leamington Drinks and been refused service as evidenced on the CCTV footage inside Leamington Drinks. It was plain a conversation had taken place and the person had then walked out of the shop empty handed. They had then gone inside Binswood News.

Mr Khan asked why the refusals book from Leamington Drinks had not been provided as evidence alongside the CCTV footage. Mrs Punia stated that she had the book with her, and she could ask her solicitor to photocopy it and send it later. It would show a record in the book to correlate with the time the CCTV footage was taken. The Licensing Team Leader confirmed that the book had not been submitted in advance of the hearing as evidence, to which the Council's Solicitor explained that this meant it could not now be presented unless consent was received from all parties and new material could not be presented, only evidence that amplified material already in evidence. Mrs Punia, in response to a question from the Council's Solicitor, then confirmed that the dates and times she had given in the videos correlated with the records in the book. She also confirmed that refusals to sell alcohol had been made by her, her husband, and another member of staff.

In response to a question from Councillor Cullinan who questioned the weight to be applied to CCTV footage filmed inside Leamington Drinks, the Council's Solicitor explained Members would have to determine how much weight to apply to the video evidence and that she believed Mrs Punia was saying she considered that underage sales were taking place because staff working at Leamington Drinks considered the people filmed to be underage and they were unable to produce ID; these people then went into Binswood News where it was believed they were able to purchase alcohol.

Mr Khan pointed out that Leamington Drinks and Binswood News were competing businesses, both selling groceries and licensed goods. This had led to acrimony very soon after his clients moved into Binswood News from the owners of Leamington Drinks. An officer at the District Council, Economic Development (Chris Makasis) visited both premises to seek a resolution. He had suggested that the licence to sell alcohol at Binswood News should be relinquished but this was rejected because the licence to sell alcohol was already in place when it was taken over. The two businesses were in competition for the same custom. A letter sent to Licensing on 3 September, but not part of the papers for the hearing, which was sent to Smith and Wells contained a complaint about clients at Leamington Drinks standing at the door of Leamington Drinks trying to invite Binswood News' clients to shop in Leamington Drinks instead. His clients believed that this current episode was an attempt to get the licence revoked at Binswood News to the benefit of Leamington Drinks. Mr Khan, having watched the videos himself could not "genuinely say" what had been purchased on each of the occasions where the film showed some sort of bottle in the hands of any of the people filmed. It was not possible to judge what had been bought in the videos where there was commentary about bags being empty on entering Binswood News and then with contents on exit. They could have bought groceries. None of the videos showed that the people went into Binswood News and did not show ID and were not challenged about their age and were able to buy alcohol. His clients would say that the customers produced evidence of age and they were satisfied with that. In one video shown, Mrs Punia had said that the individual had been refused because of a failure to produce ID, but there was no evidence to prove this and there could have been several reasons why the person was unable to buy anything at Leamington Drinks. He returned about 10 minutes later and

bought something in Binswood News, but it was unclear what he purchased. His clients would claim that if it had been alcohol sold, then ID would have been produced. Mr Khan referred to another video and claimed that the person carrying the purchase out of the shop was not the person who had made the purchase and the person who had made the purchase had produced ID.

The test sale conducted by Trading Standards clearly demonstrated that the underage sale was refused. The licensees would not have known when the visit would have taken place because visits were made randomly. They received test visits for lottery sales also twice yearly and had never failed. Regardless of what the applicant said, even if there was a failure to produce ID to them, it did not mean that the person concerned was underage. His clients had experience and had been in business for seven years, they had demonstrated to Trading Standards that they did not sell to people below the age of 18, they were fully aware of their responsibilities and were fully discharging that responsibility and the evidence supplied by the applicant had to be considered in light of the dispute between the two businesses.

The Chairman asked whether the licensees had a refusals book. Mr Khan stated that they did and held up some "receipts". He felt that since the applicant had not been able to introduce new evidence, he had not felt it appropriate to show these.

In response to questions from Members, Mr Khan explained that:

- CCTV was in operation at Binswood News as a condition of their licence. By the time they became aware of the review, the system had already deleted the footage taken inside their shop which was why no CCTV evidence had been submitted. Like most systems, the footage self-deleted after a set period.
- His clients clearly did operate Challenge 25 and the receipts were evidence of this. A receipt was produced every time a sale was refused because of a person failing to produce id or appearing not to be 18. (On being pressed again about Challenge 25, Mr Khan spoke with his clients and they confirmed that they operated Challenge 25.)
- This was not the first business his clients had owned which sold alcohol.
- Only Mr and Mrs Thiara handled alcohol sales in the shop.
- When there were school holidays, children might try to buy alcohol, but they were always refused if staff were unsure of their age. If they saw people congregating around their shop who appeared to be underage, they would be asked to move on. They were not part of any other scheme to prevent underage sales other than self-enforcing the rules for not selling to people under 18.

The Chairman asked the applicant if there were any questions for the licence holder. Mrs Punia referred to a point made by Mr Khan and stated that the only reason the review had been requested was because of concerns for the safety and wellbeing of young children. Prior to running Leamington Drinks, she had been a youth worker and had trained to be a social worker in the area of children's services. She had witnessed the effect alcohol had on lives. She also felt the licence holder had had adequate time to collect CCTV footage to refute the claims she had made. Whilst Binswood News had been in business for seven years, Leamington Drinks had been in business for 20 years and had never had any issues with Licensing, Police or Trading Standards and worked alongside those agencies. They had also run a public house, the Golden Cross in Coventry

for eight years. Currently they ran a public house in Leamington Spa where Mrs Punia was the licence holder and Mr Punia was a DPS. She therefore was clear that the only reason for requesting the review was for the safety and protection of young children and young adults.

After checking if Mrs Punia had any questions for the licence holders, he invited her to sum up.

Mrs Punia reminded everyone that no evidence had been produced to refute anything she had presented on video and that there had been breaches of the Licensing Act with the sale of alcohol taking place to people below the age of 18, and therefore they should be held accountable.

Mr Khan was asked if he had anything else to say. Mr Khan informed Members that a few letters had been submitted speaking to the character of the licensees, copies of which were sent to the applicant. The applicant had made the point that they had been in business for 20 years, of which the last seven there had been the competing business of Binswood News. He suspected they would not have been happy about that.

The Licensing Team Leader confirmed that Mr Khan had sent in about six letters from residents, but there had been concerns about including them in the report because of questions on relevance. They were dated September 2020 and were regarding previous communications between the two premises and not concerning the current review. The Council did not have permission from the individuals that they were happy for the details of their letters to be shared in this way and so the letters were not included in the report.

At 11.40am, the Chairman reminded those present of the procedure: the remote meeting would be ended by the Committee Services Officer; a separate meeting would be arranged with the Members of the Committee, the Council's Solicitor, and the Committee Services Officer; the decision would be communicated in writing to the interested parties with a summary of the decision published on the Council's website.

Resolved that new conditions be added on the licence in respect of promoting the licensing objective "The protection of children from harm".

The application for a review of the premises licence was heard by the Warwick District Council ("the Council") Licensing Committee via a virtual hearing on 16 November 2021.

The premises are at 24 Binswood Avenue, Leamington Spa and trade as Binswood News ("the Premises").

The Applicant is Mr Kamalprit Singh Punia who is the leaseholder of Leamington Drinks situated next door to the Premises. Leamington Drinks is also licensed to sell alcohol.

The Licence Holder of the Premises is a company by the name of Binswood News Limited and the current premises licence permits the sale of alcohol to be consumed off the premises from 06:45 to 23:00 hours Monday to Sunday.

The licence was issued on 8 January 2015 and names Mr Onkar Singh Thiara as the Designated Premises Supervisor.

The Applicant was represented by his wife and business partner Ms Gina Punia with solicitor Ms Katie Stanton assisting. The License Holder was represented by solicitor Mr Abdul Salam Khan and Mr Onkar Singh Thiara and Mrs Thiara were also in attendance.

In reaching their decision Members of the Committee carefully considered all of the evidence appended to the Licensing Officer's report, the evidence provided on behalf of the Applicant (including the video evidence shown at the hearing) and the oral evidence given by both parties. The Committee have also had regard to the statutory guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

The Committee made the following findings:

1. The application for review was relevant to the promotion of the licensing objectives. The objective that was most engaged was the protection of children. The prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance were also of relevance in this case.
2. The Applicant asserted that the video footage showed numerous incidents of alcohol being supplied at the Premises to underage persons during August and September 2021. The Committee noted that the majority of the videos were taken from a CCTV camera fixed to the outside of Leamington Drinks at 26 Binswood Avenue. Footage of refused sales inside Leamington Drinks was also shown and there was one video taken by Mrs Punia outside the Premises showing customers leaving. None of videos showed transactions taking place inside the Premises. The Committee felt that a number of the videos were not evidence of underage sales at the Premises either because alcohol could not be seen, or because it was not apparent that the customer was under the age of 18. The Committee did however conclude that on at least two occasions the video evidence showed customers who did appear to be under 18 leaving the Premises holding bottles of alcohol. The Panel also noted that Mrs Punia asserted that customers would be refused service at Leamington Drinks because they appeared to be underage and could not produce valid ID but were then seen to go next door to Binswood News where it seemed that they were able to purchase alcohol. The Committee decided that, on the balance of probabilities the video evidence showed that it was very likely that underage sales at the Premises had taken place on occasion.
3. The Committee noted that the Premises had been subject to a test purchase by Trading Standards on 21

September 2021 and sale of alcohol to a person under the age of 18 had been refused. The Committee did not consider that there was any evidence that the Licence Holder could have been aware that this was going to take place. The Committee also noted that the licence had been in place since 2015 and there was no record of complaints and no representations by the Police or any other Responsible Authorities.

4. On behalf of the Licence Holder Mr Khan said that there had been disputes between the Applicant and Mr and Mrs Thiara who were competing businesses. He said that a Council officer had attempted mediation between the parties in the past but this had been unsuccessful. Mr Khan said that Mr and Mrs Thiara did not employ other members of staff and were responsible for all transactions. They did operate a refusals log and the Challenge 25 scheme. They denied selling alcohol in contravention of the premises licence. The Committee noted there was a history of dispute between the parties.

The Committee considered that action was appropriate in this case on the grounds that they felt that on the balance of probabilities there was some evidence that underage sales of alcohol had taken place albeit not to the extent asserted by the Applicant.

The Committee have therefore determined that the premises licence should be modified to remove the words "*All staff will be trained to be under 21 aware*" (under the heading *General*) and the following new conditions shall be imposed:

1. Signage to be displayed around the premises in prominent places informing both staff and customers of the 'Challenge 25' policy.
2. A notice(s) shall be displayed in and at the entrance to the premises where they can be clearly seen, indicating that there is a "Challenge 25" policy in place at the premises.
3. The premises will operate a "Challenge 25" proof of age policy.
4. The premises is to maintain a refusals book/record to record the details of incidents where a member of staff has refused to sell alcohol to a person suspected of being under the age of 18. The Premises Licence holder / Designated Premises Supervisor or nominated representative shall regularly monitor the book make a record of these checks. The book must be made available to a Police Constable/Authorised Officers of the Licensing Authority on request.

5. Any person who is authorised to sell alcohol at the premises will be provided with training on first appointment and on a regular basis thereafter. Training will include information on how to prevent underage sales and any other relevant matters. A written record will be kept of all training provided and this record will be kept on the premises for inspection by any Responsible Authority.

The Committee considers that the imposition of the additional conditions is appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.

The Committee would like to warn the Licence Holder that it is imperative that underage sale of alcohol does not take place at Binswood News and that the conditions of the licence are strictly adhered to at all times. The sale of alcohol to persons under the age of 18 is a criminal offence that could result in prosecution. A copy of this decision will be kept on record and it may be referred to at any future hearings. The Licence Holder should note that if the Licensing Authority were to be made aware of any future underage sales at the Premises then a Licensing Committee may feel it appropriate to take more serious action which could include the revocation of the licence.

Warwick District Council
Licensing Committee
16 November 2021

(Members of the Committee who attended 16 November 2021:

Councillors: Illingworth (Chairman), Boad, Cullinan, Grey, Kohler, Leigh-Hunt, Mangat, Norris, Redford, Roberts and Syson.)

(The meeting ended at 12.49pm)

CHAIRMAN
21 March 2022

Licensing & Regulatory Panel

Minutes of the Licensing & Regulatory Panel held remotely, on Thursday 3 August 2021, at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors C Gifford, Heath and Leigh-Hunt.

Also, Present: Rob Edwards (Committee Services Officer), Max Howarth (Council's Solicitor), and Rachael Russell (Licensing Enforcement Officer).

1. **Appointment of Chairman**

Resolved that Councillor Gifford be appointed as Chairman for the hearing.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Application for a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for Lidl Great Britain Ltd, 46-48 Emscote Road, Warwick**

The Panel considered a report from Health and Community Protection which sought a decision on an application for a premises licence application under the Licensing Act 2003 for Lidl Great Britain Ltd, 46-48 Emscote Road, Warwick.

An application for a premises licence at 46-48 Emscote Road, Warwick for Lidl Great Britain Ltd was received on 15 June 2021. The applicant described the premises as a supermarket.

The licensable hours applied for by Lidl Great Britain were:

Opening Hours of the premises:
Monday to Sunday from 07:00 to 23:00.

Supply of Alcohol for Consumption Off the Premises:
Monday to Sunday from 07:00 to 23:00.

An operating schedule, which had been submitted by the applicants and would form part of any licence issued, was attached as appendix 1 to the report.

The Licensing Department had received an objection from a local resident which was attached as appendix 2 to the report.

No representations had been received from:

- Fire Authority.
- The Licensing Authority.
- Enforcement Agency for Health and Safety.
- Authority Responsible for Planning.
- National Health Service/Public Health.
- Environmental Health.
- Warwickshire Police.

- Safeguarding.

A plan of the premises and an aerial photograph of the area were attached as appendix 3 to the report.

Further information had been received from the applicant's solicitor and was attached as appendix 4 to the report.

At the request of the Chairman, Amanda Pilling introduced herself as the applicant's solicitor. She also introduced a work experience colleague who was observing the meeting and Nicholas Coates, Regional Head of Sales Operations, Lidl, who was present in the meeting and was available for any questions from the Panel.

The Council's Solicitor explained the procedure for the hearing.

The Licensing Officer outlined the report and asked the Panel to consider all the information contained within it in order to determine if the licence application should be granted, if so, whether the licence should be subject to any conditions.

(At 10:08am the meeting was paused for two minutes to correct a technical issue.)

In her opening statement, the applicant's solicitor advised that:

- There were no representations from any of the responsible bodies. Appendix 2 to the report showed that the one representation from a resident had concerns about the possible increase of noise in the car park and shop arising from the increased sales due to the sale of alcohol.
- Lidl was a national operator, and had over 860 stores in England and Wales operating in a variety of areas;
- There were extremely high standards of training for staff. Appendix 4 to the report showed extracts of the extensive training for staff, and included information about age related products including knives, sparklers, energy drinks. Lidl had a unique refusal procedure that was followed in all stores, and the age restrictions policy was displayed in all staff welfare areas and around the store. Training took place with the Designated Premises Supervisor and the Area Manager of the store who therefore understood the area and would know of any issues; if there was an issue about possible noise disturbance in the car park, the Area Manager would be aware and would make sure all necessary checks were done.
- Alcohol was displayed in the furthest aisle away from the entrance, so a customer would have to go through the entire store and then would likely have a fairly time consuming queue, given the nature of the checkouts in the store; there were no express checkouts catering for between 5-10 items or less. As a result, there was little incentive for people to pop in for just one item, for example just to purchase alcohol. The vast majority of customers purchased multiple items during their visit, and alcohol was only a small part of the items sold in the store. It was not anticipated that there would be an increase in late night purchases if the licence was granted, and in relation to the resident's concern about late night disturbance, customer numbers decreased dramatically after 8pm.
- Using data from the six closest Lidl stores, the average sales containing alcohol was only 3.21% of all transactions. The percentage of alcohol-only

purchases was 1.63%. Therefore, the risk of disturbance due to the availability of alcohol was very low.

- Lidl stores worked with the community, so if residents did have an issue with disturbance then the store manager would work with the community to avoid that. Appendix 4 to the report referred to the Community Alcohol Partnership that Lidl funded across the country which looked at the effect of alcohol sales on communities, and which looked at introducing initiatives to alleviate concerns that might arise. They also worked closely with the NSPCC and fundraised with them, and were involved with local events like school fetes and food festivals. Becoming part of the local community helped Lidl have the same values and work together to improve communities.
- The objector was not present in the meeting.

In response to questions from the Panel, the applicant's solicitor advised that:

- it was normal procedure that all Lidl stores sold alcohol during the hours they were open; and
- the figure of 3.21% of average transactions containing alcohol was based on transactions over a period of one week.

In her closing statement, the applicant's solicitor thanked the Panel for their time in hearing the application and stated that there had been no objection from the Police or Environmental Health, or any other responsible bodies. The objection made did not raise concerns about an increase in crime or anti-social behaviour, or that Lidl was not a responsible operator. The objection focused solely on concerns about late night shoppers that might cause noise in the shop and car park, of which there was no evidence to support that assumption, and the objector did not attend the panel. The concerns raised by the objector was not how Lidl's experience reflected things. Stores got quieter after 8pm across the country, and transactions of alcohol were very low. Lidl was extremely experienced in operating well-managed premises in all types of areas and had the policies and procedures in place to address any issues that might arise. There was the additional security of the review process so if there were problems then any resident could call for the licence to be reviewed. 5.4 of WDC's Licensing Policy stated that "*Shops, stores and supermarkets will generally be free to provide sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises at any times when the retail outlet is open for shopping, unless there are relevant representations giving good reasons based on the licensing objectives for restricting those hours.*" There were not any relevant representations giving such reasons.

At 11:08am, the Chairman reminded those present of the procedure: the remote meeting would be ended by the Committee Services Officer; a separate meeting would be arranged with the Members of the Panel, the Legal Advisor and the Committee Services Officer; the decision would be communicated in writing via email to the applicant later on the same day, followed by a written notice with a full decision within seven days.

Resolved that the premises licence be **granted** in accordance with the hours set out in the report and the applicant's operating schedule.

The Panel has considered the report and the appendices including the objection received. The Panel has also listened to representations made by the applicant Lidl through its solicitor.

The Panel note that no objections have been received from any of the responsible authorities including the Police or Environmental Health. The Panel also note that only one objection has been received from a member of the public.

The Panel heard from Lidl's solicitor in respect of the policies and procedures that are operated by Lidl in store in relation to the sale of alcohol. The Panel also heard from Lidl's solicitor that the Lidl store can currently trade between the hours of 7am and 11pm without any restrictions. Further, that the sale of alcohol was a small part of Lidl's business and that typically the alcohol aisle is the furthest aisle from the entrance to the store and that there are no express checkouts catering for between 5-10 items or less. As such Lidl did not anticipate that there would be an increase in late night purchases if the licence was granted. The Panel also heard from Lidl's solicitor that typically customer numbers significantly decrease after 8pm. Lidl's solicitor also advised that over the course of a week that the average percentage of sales attributable to alcohol at six local stores was 3.21% of all sales and the average percentage of sales attributable to alcohol where alcohol was the only sale was 1.6% of all sales.

The Panel also heard from Lidl's solicitor in relation to Lidl's involvement in the Alcohol Community Partnership and its work with NSPCC.

The Panel has considered the sole objection received in relation to the application which was twofold:

- 1. The sale of alcohol would encourage one item shopping which would go against the planning permission which was granted on the basis that there would be no small sales of such things as confectionary and newspapers to avoid short stay shopping.*
- 2. The sale of alcohol would encourage more late-night shopping with increased noise in the shop and car park which would impact on nearby residential properties.*

It is the Panel's view that the first objection does not appear to raise any objection in relation to the licensing objectives and as such should not be considered a relevant representation. In any event the Panel has not seen or heard any evidence which would support the assertion being made. On the contrary the evidence presented by Lidl in support of its application shows that only 1.6 percent of sales over the course of a week are attributable to sales where alcohol was the only sale.

With regard to the second aspect of the objection the Panel has not seen or heard any evidence which supports the assertion being made. Instead, the Panel has heard from

Lidl's solicitor that typically customer numbers significantly decrease after 8pm. The Panel also notes that no objection has been made by Environmental Health.

The Panel has been referred to paragraph 5.4 of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (2021-2026) which states:

"Shops, stores and supermarkets will generally be free to provide sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises at any times when the retail outlet is open for shopping, unless there are relevant representations giving good reasons based on the licensing objectives for restricting those hours."

The Panel has not seen or heard any relevant representations giving good reasons based upon the licensing objectives for restricting the hours applied.

Having considered all of the evidence it is the Panel's view that there is no evidence that the grant of the licence in the terms applied for by the applicant Lidl would impact upon any of the licensing objectives. The Panel, therefore, resolve to grant the licence in accordance with the hours set out in the report and the applicant's operating schedule.

(The meeting ended at 10:44am)

CHAIRMAN
27 September 2021

Licensing & Regulatory Panel

Minutes of the Licensing & Regulatory Panel held at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa, on Thursday 16 September 2021, at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors Cullinan, Norris and Syson.

Also Present: Mr Leach (Democratic Services Manager & Deputy Monitoring Officer), Ms Vale (Committee Services Officer, observing only), Mrs Gutteridge (Council's Solicitor), and Mrs Dudgeon (Licensing Enforcement Officer).

1. **Appointment of Chairman**

Resolved that Councillor Norris be appointed as Chairman for the hearing.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. **Application for a Street Trading Consent to trade outside the hours set out in Warwick District Council's Street Trading Policy**

The Panel considered a report from Health and Community Protection which sought a decision on an application for a Street Trading Consent for a mobile food unit selling hot food to trade outside the permitted hours set out in the Street Trading Policy.

The Chairman asked the members of the Panel and officers present to introduce themselves. The applicant then introduced himself as Mr Singh Hayer. The applicant's wife also introduced herself as Mrs Hayer.

Warwick District Council had designated every street within the District as a Consent Street. Any person who wished to expose goods for sale anywhere the public had free access, needed to apply for a Street Trading Consent.

The Council's Policy permitted trading between the hours of 06:00 and 18:00. However, any trading outside these hours had to be approved by a Licensing and Regulatory Panel.

Mr Singh Hayer submitted an application for a Street Trading Consent to sell hot food. The consent would permit him to trade from a fixed pitch on 10 Wise Street, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV31 3AP.

The hours applied for were as follows:

	Trading hours
Monday & Tuesday	No trade
Tuesday to Saturday	17:00 to 21:00
Sunday	No trade

A copy of Mr Singh Hayer's application form along with supporting documents was attached as appendix 1 to the report.

A copy of the Street Trading Policy was attached as appendix 2 to the report.

Details of the procedure adopted by the Licensing Committee for Panel Hearings had been supplied to the applicant.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer outlined the report and asked the Panel to consider all the information contained within it.

The Chairman invited the applicant, Mr Singh Hayer, to present his application. Mr Singh Hayer expressed that his mobile food unit would provide food that was fresh and handmade by himself targeted at the early-evening market.

In answer to questions from Members, Mr Singh Hayer advised that:

- the location of the mobile food unit was in an industrial area that was mainly businesses. A large portion of the surrounding area had been demolished. The closest domestic dwelling was some student accommodation but that was a fair distance away from the proposed location;
- the 'Kebab Shack' would be a takeaway service therefore littering in the immediate area should be minimal because customers would not be staying in the vicinity to eat;
- the car park in which the mobile food unit was located would have extra lights in the winter and the unit itself had lights. This would be an appropriate amount of light that would not cause nuisance.

In response to a question from the Democratic Services Manager & Deputy Monitoring Officer, the Licensing Enforcement Officer confirmed that the proposed Street Trading Consent Policy, which was out for consultation, proposed to permit trading between 06:00 and 20:00. The Council's solicitor advised that this information was irrelevant because the application was until 21:00 so, if the proposed policy was adopted, the applicant would only have needed to apply for 1 extra hour.

In response to a question from Councillor Cullinan, the Council's solicitor advised that there would be no need for the applicant to apply again once the new policy was adopted as a Street Trading Licence was valid for one year.

In response to a question from Councillor Syson, the Licensing Enforcement Officer advised that there were no objections raised by statutory authorities when this application was in the consultation period.

At 10.13am, the Chairman reminded those present of the procedure as follows: everyone except the Committee Services Officer; the Members of the Panel, the Legal Advisor would be asked to leave the room and the meeting would be adjourned for deliberation. The decision would be communicated in writing via email to the applicant later on the same day, followed by a written notice with a full decision within seven days. A summary of the decision will be posted on the Council's website.

At this point all parties except the Panel, the Solicitor and Committee Services Officers left the room.

Resolved that the application be granted as set out in the agenda. This was because no evidence was presented that the consent would cause a public safety, public order or public nuisance. The Panel also felt that the local need was demonstrated by the applicant.

(The meeting ended at 10.15am)

CHAIRMAN
27 September 2021

Licensing & Regulatory Panel

Minutes of the Licensing & Regulatory Panel held at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa, on Tuesday 26 October 2021, at 10.10am.

Present: Councillors C Gifford, Leigh-Hunt and Wright.

Also Present: Lesley Dury (Principal Committee Services Officer), Sophie Vale (Committee Services Officer, observing only), Max Howarth (Council's Solicitor), and Rachael Russell (Licensing Team Leader).

1. **Apologies and Substitutes**

Councillor Wright substituted for the vacant position on the Panel.

2. **Appointment of Chairman**

Resolved that Councillor Wright be appointed as Chairman for the hearing.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

4. **Street Trading Application to trade outside of the restrictions set out within Warwick District Council's Policy**

The Panel considered a report from Health and Community Protection which sought a renewal application for a Street Trading Consent for a mobile food unit by Mr James Queenan. Mr Queenan wished to trade outside the hours and restrictions set out within Warwick District Council's policy.

The Chairman asked the Members of the Panel and officers present to introduce themselves. The applicant had sent his apologies for being unable to attend the Panel meeting because he felt he should not close his business and inconvenience his regular customers.

The Licensing Team Leader outlined the report and asked the Panel to consider all the information contained within it in order to decide whether the Street Trading Consent for Jimmy's Food should be granted and, if so, whether the consent should be subject to any additional conditions.

Warwick District Council had designated every street within the District as a Consent Street. Any person who wished to expose goods for sale anywhere the public had free access, needed to apply for a Street Trading Consent.

The Council's Policy permitted trading between the hours of 06:00 and 18:00. However, any trading outside these hours had to be approved by a Licensing and Regulatory Panel.

A new Street Trading Policy had been approved for a six-week public consultation, due to start shortly. The draft policy proposed trading hours of 06:00 to 20:00. Limited weight could be added to this Policy because it was at an early stage of adoption, but the Panel needed to be mindful of this when deciding on the application.

Mr Queenan submitted his street trading consent renewal application in order that he might continue to sell hot food from his mobile unit known as Jimmy's Food located outside Unit 13, Princes Drive Industrial Estate, Coventry Road, Kenilworth.

Mr Queenan had requested on his application form to trade from Monday to Saturday from 07:30 to 21:00. This was outside of the hours set out in Warwick District Council's Street Trading Consent Policy and therefore, the Licensing & Regulatory Panel needed to decide if these hours should be approved. Mr Queenan's current hours of trading were 07:00 to 15:00 Monday to Saturday.

Mr Queenan had obtained permission from the landowner to trade from Unit 13, Princes Drive Industrial Estate, Coventry Road, Kenilworth and had provided the Licensing Authority with all relevant documents for his application.

A copy of the application form was attached as appendix 1 to the report. Supporting documents were attached as appendix 2 to the report and a copy of the Council's Street Trading Policy was attached as appendix 3 to the report.

Prior to the meeting, Mr Queenan had asked for a copy of a letter to be circulated to Members of the Panel.

In response to a question from Councillor Leigh-Hunt, the Council's Solicitor advised that the Panel had discretion to grant permission for trading hours they saw fit, accounting for the details for consideration as stated at point 3.1 in the report. Councillor Leigh-Hunt had expressed concern about the amount of weight that could be attached to the draft Street Trading Policy that would be subject to a six-week consultation exercise.

In response to a question from Councillor Wright about the reasons why the request had been made for extended trading hours, the Licensing Team Leader explained that she was unable to speak for the applicant and suggested that Members should look at the reasons given by the applicant in the letter he had sent in. The letter was then read out to the Panel. In the letter he apologised for his non-attendance, explaining that because he was self-employed, it would have had a negative impact on his business and especially his regular clients if he were to close. He explained that the food business had been his sole career for 20 years and

prior to opening Jimmy's Food, he had worked at Warwick conferences based on the campus at Warwick University for 16 years. He then set up his own food trailer business and for the first 12 months had exceptionally very well with great feedback from workers and residents of Kenilworth. His letter explained the reasons why he wished to increase trading hours:

- To expand the business as much as possible and he felt that this was the next step in achieving this.
- His business had a good following on Social Media and a point made often was that people wanted to try his food but could not because of work commitments or school, therefore opening in the evening would be of benefit to them.
- He did not think there was another food outlet in the vicinity that offered the same choice of food offered by Jimmy's.

He stated that the local residents nearby had made no objections about his service over the last 12 months, and they came to the trailer for breakfast/lunch on occasions and he had built up many good relationships.

The evening openings would still operate as a takeaway service, and there was a possibility that a delivery service might be started.

The Licensing Team Leader confirmed that there had been no objections about Jimmy's and having consulted with the statutory consultees, there had been no complaints in the last 12 months.

Councillor Wright asked if residents were aware that the application was to extend hours to 21:00 or if they thought it would continue to 15:00 hours. The Licensing Team Leader explained that the Authority did not consult with residents for street trading consents.

After confirming there were no further questions, at 10.25am, the Chairman reminded those present of the procedure as follows: everyone except the Committee Services Officer; the Members of the Panel, the Council's Solicitor would be asked to leave the room and the meeting would be adjourned for deliberation. The decision would be communicated in writing to the interested parties with a summary of the decision published on the Council's website.

At this point all parties except the Panel, the Council's Solicitor and Committee Services Officers left the room.

Resolved that the licence to permit street trading be granted but between the hours of 7.30am and 7.00pm.

The Panel have considered the report from Community Protection and the letter from the Applicant which was read to the Panel in the Applicant's absence.

The Panel note that the application is to renew the existing licence, and that the Applicant has applied for an extension in relation to the hours during which he can trade. The Panel note that the hours on the existing licence are from 7am to 3pm Monday to Saturday. The Application is for 7.30am to 9pm Monday to Saturday.

The Panel have considered the Council's Street Trading Consent Policy which provides that:

"The Council generally will only permit street trading between 06:00 and 18:00. Any trading outside these hours will have to be approved by the Regulatory Committee. Street Trading outside the guideline hours will be assessed in terms of the criteria detailed above."

The Panel note that the criteria which must be assessed where an application is outside the hours of 06.00 and 18.00 is as follows:

Public Safety - Whether the proposed activity represents or could present a risk to the public from the point of view of obstruction, fire hazard, unhygienic conditions.

Public Order - Whether the proposed activity presents or could present a risk to public order.

The Avoidance of Public Nuisance - Whether the proposed activity presents or could present a risk of nuisance to the public from noise or misbehaviour, particularly in residential areas.

Local Area Needs - Consideration will be given to the character of the area (eg conservation area)

The Panel note that the Applicant's mobile unit is located at Unit 13 Princes Drive which is within a mixed industrial and residential area and in close proximity to the rear gardens of the residential properties fronting onto Coventry Road. Whilst the Panel note that there have been no objections in relation to the application and that no complaints have been received in respect of the mobile unit in the past 12 months it is the Panel's view that an extension of hours into the evening is likely to result in a different offering by the Applicant. It appears to the Panel that the majority of trade during the day is likely to come from workers from the surrounding industrial estate whereas trade during the evening is

likely to come from local residents or members of the public travelling to the mobile unit by car. The Panel notes that the Applicant already promotes his business using social media which is likely to attract customers to the area. It is the Panel's view that this is likely to result in an increase in traffic movements and noise from vehicles and customers attending the mobile unit. Further, that the later such visits are made to the mobile unit the greater the likelihood of increased disturbance to local residents. As such it is the Panel's view that an increase in the hours to 9pm is more likely to increase the risk of public nuisance.

Whilst the Panel notes the Applicant has stated that part of his plans to expand his business include attracting customers who ordinarily would be unable to attend his mobile unit during the existing hours due to commitments such as work or school it is the Panel's view that this can still be achieved by an extension of the hours until 7pm. Whilst there is still the risk of some disturbance to local residents it is the Panel's view that such disturbance will not be as great as that which is likely to be caused by the extension of the hours until 9pm. By granting the licence until 7pm this, in the Panel's view, strikes a reasonable balance between the right of local residents to enjoy their properties without disturbance and the Applicant's wish to expand his business.

The Panel, therefore, resolve to grant the licence permitting Street Trading to take place at the Applicant's mobile unit between the hours of 7.30am and 7pm. The licence shall be granted in accordance with the report and subject to the Council's General Conditions relating to Street Trading.

(The meeting ended at 10.45am)

CHAIRMAN
17 January 2022

Title: 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies
Lead Officer: Graham Leach, graham.leach@warwickdc.gov.uk
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Portfolio Holder: Councillor Andrew Day
Wards of the District directly affected: All

Summary

The report informs the Committee of the proposed Parliamentary Constituencies for Warwick District as part of the first consultation and provides a suggested submission on behalf of the Council.

Recommendation(s)

- (1) That the Committee confirms its original position in respect of the proposed boundaries in the minutes of its meeting from 19 July 2021, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, and
 - (2) That the Committee endorses the comments of the local communities who are opposed to the proposals.
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1 Background/Information

- 1.1 The 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies is underway, with the first proposals having been published by the Boundary Commission for England (BCE). The initial consultation was undertaken last summer closing on 2 August 2021.
- 1.2 The initial proposals for the West Midlands include revised boundaries for both the Kenilworth & Southam Constituency and the Warwick and Leamington Constituency. These would have electorates of 74,107 and 72,784 respectively, being the two largest electorates of the five in Warwickshire, however these are not the largest in the region; that being over 77,000; nor the smallest, which is just under 70,000.
- 1.3 The remit of the Boundary Commission for England for this review sets the UK electoral quota for the 2023 to the nearest whole number, 73,393. Accordingly, every recommended constituency (except the five 'protected' constituencies) must have an electorate as at 2 March 2020 that is no smaller than 69,724 and no larger than 77,062. There will be a further review of constituency boundaries, but this will not be for another 8 years after the completion of the 2023 review.
- 1.4 For reference at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 are maps that outline the current Constituency Boundaries and the proposed, overlaid with each other.
- 1.5 This Committee previously responded to the consultation on behalf of Warwick District Council as set out at Appendix 3 to this report.
- 1.6 The latest round of consultation has seen no proposed changes to the original proposals from the BCE and therefore retains the inclusion of the current District Wards of Budbrooke and Bishop's Tachbrook within revised Kenilworth & Southam Constituency.
- 1.7 There have been 3902 comments submitted about the proposals for revisions to constituencies in the West Midlands, of which 129 are about the constituencies that represent Warwick District.

- 1.8 There were 96 comments made regarding the Warwick & Leamington Constituency, attached as Appendix 4 to the report, of which 72 comments were specifically about the move of Budbrooke and Bishop's Tachbrook Wards.
- 1.9 There were 33 Comments on the Kenilworth and Southam Constituency, which are attached at Appendix 5 to the report.
- 1.10 Within the responses there are concerns raised about the identification of community, in relation to both constituencies and also the projected electorate growth.
- 1.11 In respect of electorate growth, the law establishing the review does not allow the commission to consider this aspect, which was why this Council carefully developed its response to the initial proposals.

2 Alternative Options available to (name of Committee/Cabinet etc.)

- 2.1 Within the guidelines for such reviews no alternative options have been considered however the Committee could choose to put forward a different submission to the BCE.

3 Consultation and Member's comments

- 3.1 No individual comments from Councillors have been sought on this report.

4 Implications of the proposal

4.1 Legal/Human Rights Implications

- 4.1.1 There are no specific legal or human rights implications from the report or its proposals.

4.2 Financial

- 4.2.1 The report does not impact on the budgetary framework or budget of the Council.

4.3 Council Plan

In respect of Warwick District Council Business Plan, the report brings forward a proposed consultation response that is considered will help build stronger community identities within the District, in line with the theme of People - Health, Homes, Communities.

4.4 Environmental/Climate Change Implications

- 4.4.1 There are no impacts on the Environment or Climate Change arising from this report.

4.5 Analysis of the effects on Equality

- 4.5.1 There are no impacts on Equality matters from this report.

4.6 Data Protection

- 4.6.1 There are no Data Protection implications from this report.

4.7 Health and Wellbeing

- 4.7.1 There are no direct impacts in relation to health and wellbeing from these proposals.

5 Risk Assessment

- 5.1 The report provides a response to a public consultation which do not present any significant risk to the Council.

6 Conclusion/Reasons for the Recommendation

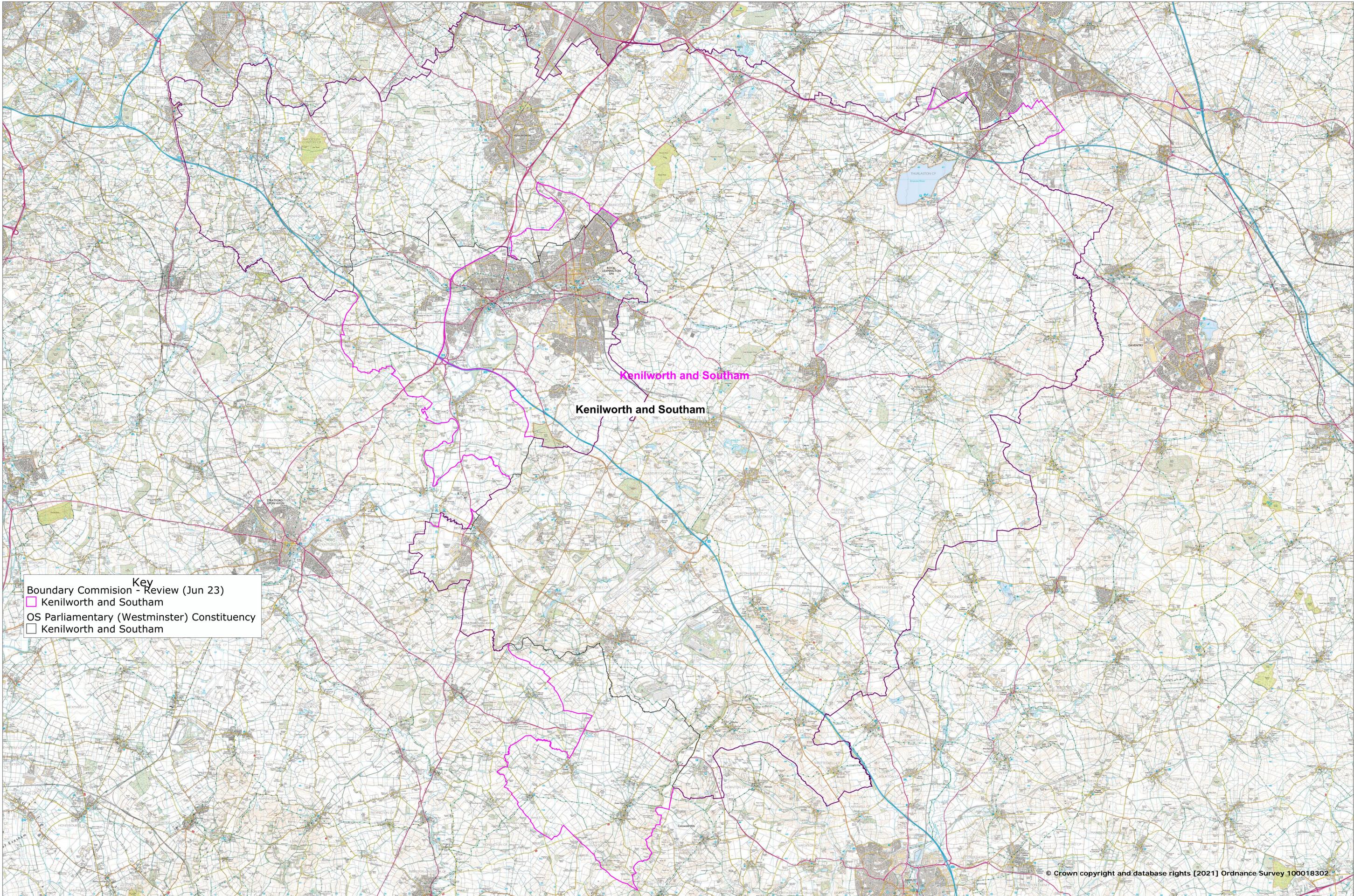
- 6.1 The provides a summary and as there have been no material changes to the proposals it is considered appropriate for the Council reaffirm its position.

Background papers: None Supporting documents: None

Report Information Sheet

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Title of report	2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies	
Officer / Councillor Approval *required	Date	Name
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Portfolio Holder		
Financial Services *		
Legal Services (*SDC)		
Other Services		
Chief Executive(s)	11/3/22	Chris Elliott
Head of Services(s)*	11/3/22	Phil Grafton
Section 151 Officer		
Monitoring Officer	11/3/22	Phil Grafton
CMT (WDC)		
Leadership Co-ordination Group (WDC)		
Other organisations		
Final decision by this Committee or rec to another Cttee / Council?	Yes	
Contrary to Policy / Budget framework?	Yes	
Does this report contain exempt info/Confidential? If so, which paragraph(s)?	No	
Does this report relate to a key decision (referred to in the Cabinet Forward Plan)?	No	
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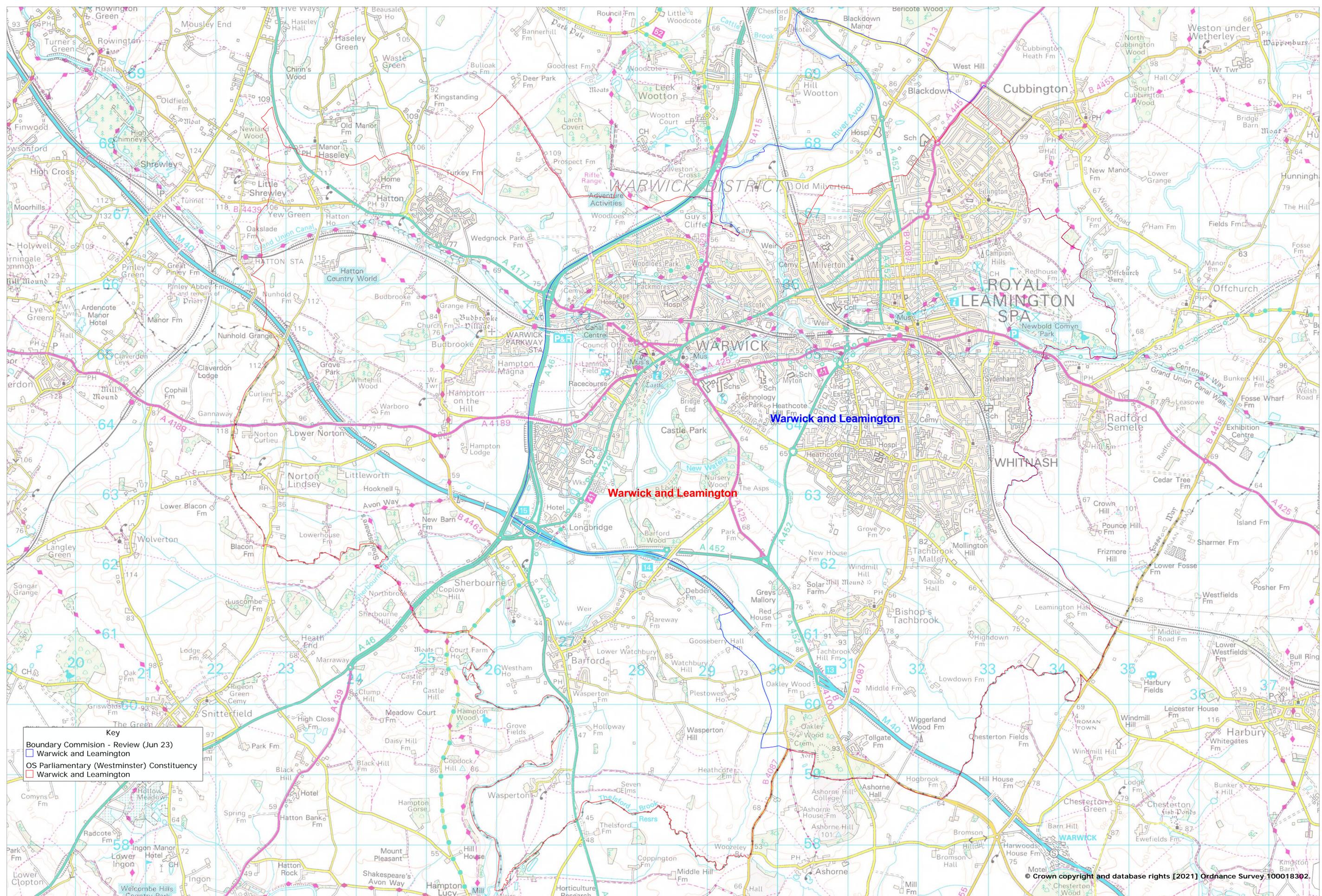
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Boundary Commission Review 2023
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Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Excerpt of the Minutes of the remote meeting held on Monday 19 July 2021 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 4.30pm

Present: Councillors Illingworth (Chairman), Cullinan, Grey, Leigh-Hunt, Mangat, Redford, and Wright.

7. **Apologies and Substitutes**

(a) apologies for absence were received from Councillors Boad, C Gifford, Heath, Norris and Syson; and

(b) there were no substitutes.

8. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

15. **2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies**

The Committee considered a report from Democratic Services which informed Members of the proposed Parliamentary Constituencies for Warwick District as part of the first consultation and provided a suggested submission on behalf of the Council.

The 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies were underway, with the first proposals having been published by the Boundary Commission for England (BCE). The proposals were available online and open to comment from anyone by 2 August 2021.

The initial proposals for the West Midlands included revised boundaries for both the Kenilworth & Southam Constituency and the Warwick and Leamington Constituency. These would have electorates of 74,107 and 72,784 respectively, being the two largest electorates of the five in Warwickshire, however these were not the largest in the region which was over 77,000 or the smallest which was just under 70,000.

The remit of the Boundary Commission for England for this review set the UK electoral quota for the 2023 to the nearest whole number, 73,393. Accordingly, every recommended constituency (except the five 'protected' constituencies) needed to have an electorate as at 2 March 2020 that was no smaller than 69,724 and no larger than 77,062. There would be a further review of constituency boundaries but this would be for eight years after the completion of the 2023 review.

This Council had, for a significant time, received complaints regarding the current Constituency Boundaries as they were not aligned with either District or Town/Parish Boundaries. For example, in parts of Milverton Ward, a small number of properties on the same road were divided between two Constituencies. These proposals resolved those issues without significant change for the District.

There were two broad points of issue about the constituency proposals.

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The first was about the projected growth in size and the second was about the geography of the constituencies.

With regards to growth, officers had been looking at the growth of the electorate in South Warwickshire generally. Between the time of the report and 2028, within Warwick District, based on the current local plan proposed sites and approved developments, the electorate in the Warwick and Leamington Constituency was expected to grow by circa 4,400 electors and Kenilworth & Southam by 6,126. This growth in Kenilworth and Southam did not allow for growth within any Wards from Rugby Borough nor Stratford-on-Avon District Councils. For example, the development of the Gaydon Village site (circa 3,000 homes) was underway and the Cawston, Bilton, Dunchurch site (circa 5,000 homes) was now coming forward. As a result, there was potential for the Kenilworth & Southam constituency to become greater than 90,000 by the time of the next review, with Warwick & Leamington also being over the upper limit of 77,062.

To help mitigate the implications of some of this growth it was suggested that the Budbrooke Ward was retained within the Warwick and Leamington Constituency. It would enable by 2028, an electorate in Warwick & Leamington of over 82,000 and Kenilworth and Southam of over 81,000, which was a far more balanced outcome.

This said, by law, the Boundary Commission for England was not permitted to consider future growth, however it could consider special geographical considerations, including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency, and any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies. Therefore, any proposal to move Budbrooke Ward would need to provide clear evidence on these points.

In terms of Geography, the Committee noted that the Constituency of Warwick and Leamington would be completely surrounded by the Constituency of Kenilworth & Southam. From inspection of the proposed constituencies in England, this only occurred in one other situation where York Central Constituency was surrounded by York Outer Constituency. No guidance on such an arrangement was provided by the BCE, however the LG BCE made the following reference on what they called "Doughnut Wards" - *"we occasionally receive proposals for a pattern of wards which propose an 'inner' ward and an 'outer' ward for a town or village. We will not normally recommend this kind of pattern because the communication links between the north and south of the outer ward are usually poor and we also often find that people in the northern part of the outer ward share higher levels of community identity with residents in the north of the inner ward than with residents in the south of the outer ward. Where we need to split a town or village to achieve electoral equality, we will usually seek an alternative to this pattern."*

Officers had considered this point and had consulted with its Budbrooke Ward Councillors, who supported Budbrooke remaining with Warwick & Leamington Constituency. The view of officers and Budbrooke Ward Councillors was due to the proximity of the Budbrooke Ward to Warwick and its relationship with its infrastructure being aligned with that of its nearest major town as well as Bishop's Tachbrook, this Ward should remain part of the Warwick & Leamington Constituency. Further the increased development in and around the east of this Ward would have greater

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community relationship with Warwick and Leamington and this would need to be fostered to help build a stronger and more cohesive community.

This change would recognise the concerns that the Local Government Boundary Commission raised generally about community and identity, which, while harder to achieve for large constituencies, officers considered that every effort should be made to follow them, especially when these communities were being built.

Currently, there was a Ward Boundary review being undertaken of Stratford-on-Avon District Council Wards, which would be concluded prior to the review of the Parliamentary Constituency review. While this might or might not come into effect dependent on the outcome of the potential merger with Warwick District Council, this Council should champion the need for coterminous boundaries. This was especially important when the changes could impact upon one of the Constituencies which represented Warwick District.

In terms of alternative options, within the guidelines for such reviews no alternative options had been considered, however the Committee could choose to provide a different submission to the Boundary Commission for England.

In response to questions from Members, the Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer advised that the Boundary Commission for England would be repeating this process every eight years and Warwick District Council were consultees. The proposed figures from the Commission was that Kenilworth and Southam would be on the limit of electors but including the expected growth it would be significantly out of tolerance. The Boundary Commission for England could not look at growth so the report had come forward with the suggested approach to try and mitigate this by arguing on community grounds.

In response to a further question from Members, the Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer clarified that Budbrooke was still in the Warwick and Leamington Constituency, but the Boundary Commission were proposing to remove it from the new Warwick and Leamington Constituency.

The Committee expressed that they were delighted that Warwick, Leamington and Whitnash were kept together as a single Constituency and asked that this be reflected in the comments from the Council.

The Committee therefore

Resolved that

- (1) the two proposed Parliamentary Constituencies covering Warwick District, of Kenilworth & Southam and Warwick and Leamington, as set out on the Plans at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to the report, be noted; and

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- (2) the Boundary Commission for England be asked to consider the following points when setting the boundaries:
- (i) the Council welcomes the retention of Warwick, Leamington & Whitnash in a single constituency and broadly supports the wider proposed Boundaries as they will address some long-standing issues within the District;
 - (ii) the Council objects to the creation of an island constituency for Warwick & Leamington for the reasons set out above;
 - (iii) the Warwick District Ward of Budbrooke should be moved into the Constituency of Warwick and Leamington for the reasons set out above;
 - (iv) the significant expected growth in the electorate for the Kenilworth & Southam Constituency be noted; and that this could be mitigated by moving the Budbrooke District Council Ward to Leamington & Warwick Constituency for the reasons set out above; without the need for the Commission to recognise growth;
 - (v) the Commission ensures their final proposals follow the final proposed wards of the current LGCE boundary review for Stratford-on-Avon District Council to avoid the current issues of non-aligned boundaries for some Wards in South Warwickshire.

(The meeting ended at 5:38pm)

Comment ID	Type of respondent	City/Town	Comment
BCE-53183	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>Well... This is really upsetting. I will now have a Tory MP who doesn't represent me, who there is little to no chance out ousting under First Past the Post.. No matter how hard I vote !</p> <p>I might as well not bother voting at the next election as you've just made my vote worthless - thank you very much boundary commission!</p>
BCE-53567	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>I live a mile from the centre of Warwick town. Why is my voting boundary for kenilworth and southam. Kenilworth is five miles away and southam is 17. It makes no sense other than to try and create more opportunities for the conservatives to win votes which is why the boundaries are once again being changed.</p>
BCE-54146	Member of the public	Barford	<p>I would strongly object to being moved from Warwick and leamington constituency. I used my vote to secure the MP I wanted to represent me and he does a fantastic job.</p>
BCE-54216	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>It makes no sense for Hatton park to become part of the kenilworth and southam constituency given warwick is just over a mile down the road. As such I do not think this boundary change should go ahead and that Hatton park should remain part of Leamington and warwick</p>
BCE-54268	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>I live in Warwick, my services are supplied by Warwick DC so the idea that my constituency should be Kenilworth and Southam rather than Warwick is ridiculous</p>
BCE-54294	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>Please note that Hatton is currently serviced by Newburgh Primary School and Aylesford secondary and I assume other Warwick schools. Would a split mean Hatton would no longer be able to send children to Warwick schools?if no then i feel we should consider them part of our community. Also Hampton Magna is very much a part of Warwick i n the same way.</p>
BCE-54355	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>The clue may be found in my address: namely Warwick. I would be extremely unhappy to find my political boundary moved to Kenilworth. Itâ€™s a town I donâ€™t visit. I do however have very strong ties with Warwick & Leamington. It seems unfair that an area that is my home I would no longer be able to vote for its MP, itâ€™s almost as if Iâ€™ll be disenfranchised. I strongly object to this proposed change.</p>
BCE-54569	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>I am gravely concerned with the proposal to move my village of Barford into the constitute of Kenilworth and Southam both of which are 10 and 16 miles away from me respectively. The decisions made in these areas do not impact a rural village such as Barford and I know our current local MP has done a vast amount of work with our small community. I hope that you reconsider these proposals and keep us with Warwick and Leamington; as our address's state within.</p>
BCE-54745	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>I live in Barford and wish to remain part of the Warwick and Leamington constituency. We feel very much a part of Warwick and Leamington, with them both on our doorstep. We regularly spend time in Warwick and Leamington. In contrast we do not spend any time in Kenilworth or Southam and do not feel connected to these locations.</p>
BCE-55105	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>As a Barford resident I consider that Warwick and Leamington are my local towns. I work there and shop there and can cycle and walk there due to their proximity to the village. To remove us from this constituency to be part of Kenilworth and Southam doesn't make sense and I strongly disagree to these proposals.</p>
BCE-55108	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>The proposal to move Barford into Kenilworth and Southam constituency does not make sense to me and I strongly object. Warwick and Leamington are by far our closest two towns to which I can cycle and where I shop. I think it is important that Barford remain part of this constituency as I feel closely allied with both towns and Kenilworth and Southam are both too far and I would feel very let down to be governed by councils which are bot distant and different to the towns I live very close to.</p>
BCE-56007	Member of the public	Royal Leamington Spa	<p>The Warwick and Leamington constituency seems largely sensible, in that it mostly represents the contiguous urban area of Warwick and Leamington.</p> <p>It would perhaps make more sense to include Old Cubbington as well as New Cubbington, along with Radford Semele and maybe Hampton Magna, whilst perhaps losing Bishops Tachbrook and other areas to the south of the contiguous urban area, maybe along with Blackdown to the north (though, North Leamington school being within the constituency would make sense).</p> <p>Itâ€™s also surely time for the constituency to be renamed Leamington & Warwick, as the district and the county already carry the name of the smaller of the two towns.</p> <p>It does appear an oddity that it would be an fully enclaves constituency (the only in the country?), I donâ€™t think this is an issue for the constituency itself, but might be the surrounding constituency, where areas to the south-west might feel a bit isolated from the rest of the constituency.</p> <p>One concern is how accurate the electorate numbers truly are, with a town with a large student population.</p>
BCE-56194	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>I have just read about the proposed changes to constituency boundaries in Matt Westernâ€™s Facebook post. The decision to move Hatton Park, Warwick to the Kenilworth & Southam constituency is farcical. The proposals were clearly made by consultants who are unfamiliar with the local area. The distance from my home to Southam is 18 miles! I live 1.5 miles from the centre of Warwick! My message to those who commissioned the Review is please invest your money in supporting local communities not in destroying them.</p>

BCE-57272	Member of the public	Warwick	I strongly and fervently reject the inclusion of Hampton Magna in a constituency which which we have nothing whatsoever in common. We are geographically adjacent to Warwick, our local services, local issues and local interests are intrinsically connected with the town, from which we are separated by a single road. Our representation is not served in any rational way by a parliamentary candidate who is driven by the needs of the populations of a Kenilworth and the wider South Warwickshire area, since our location means that we are umbilically linked to the town of Warwick. I fail to understand the logic on any level whatsoever, other than the random drawing of a line on a map, which would justify our move from the Warwick and Leamington area constituency to a meaningless and unrepresentative collective area covering swathes of countryside with which we have no intrinsic political connection other than the convenience to a map drawerer who needs to balance up numbers.
BCE-57591	Member of the public	Warwick	I do not support the re-drawing of the boundary. Specifically, Hampton Magna has very little in the way of green fields between it and Warwick (even less given the fact that green belt land is currently being built on) and is therefore much more appropriate to be included in with Leamington and Warwick
BCE-57640	Member of the public	Warwick	You say that As far as possible, we try to have regard to local ties, geographic factors, local government boundaries (as they were known at 1 December 2020), existing constituencies, and minimising disruption caused by proposed changes. However you propose to Move Hampton Magna out of the Warwick constituency. Hampton Magna is a suburb of Warwick and then local ties, geographic factors etc. are far closer to Warwick than those of Tysoe, Stretton on Dunsmore, Burton Dasset and the other rural areas that are many miles away.
BCE-57929	Member of the public	Hatton	As a resident of Hatton for 20+years. We have to endure speeding cars HGVS and motorcycles that use the 1/2 mile stretch as a race track there is no litter picking very rare road sweeping and path clearing with residents have to tend their own verges. Whilst Hatton park and the surrounding houses seem to get everything done for them. It is a sorry state of affairs which will only get worse if we are encapsulated with a larger sprawling constituency will only make our voice smaller. Hatton the proper Hatton from the bottom of Hatton hill to the junction with the hockey road has been disregarded by the council for too long.
BCE-59444	Member of the public	Warwick	Barford is under three miles from the Warwick/Leamington conurbation. It looks to this as its local focus and has always been in the Warwick and Leamington constituency. You have dealt with us in a manner which is, possibly apart from raw arithmetic, ridiculous: stuck at random in the pinch point of a huge amorphous rural ring, packaged with an irrelevant subset of distant villages and small towns over the far sides of the county with which we have no common ground either physically or metaphorically. This must be one of your most ill considered decisions! Please retain some variant of the status quo here. It must be desirable to keep towns together with their surrounding village areas wherever possible, for various reasons, and nowhere is that brought into focus more sharply than here. Please look at the map again and consider our position. Thank you.
BCE-66170	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	I welcome and support the Commission secondary proposal for the Warwick and Leamington Constituency boundaries. It achieves what I advocated at the public session in the Pump Room consultation. You have sought opinions on an alternative, three constituencies for Stratford and Warwick & Leamington. It may be that this anticipated increases in housing and multi-occupancy and could have merit. But I believe the final proposal is more elegant, democratically and socially. Thank you for your consideration.
BCE-69021	Member of the public	Norton Lindsey	I have lived in and near Norton Lindsey since 1955 and have always been connected to Warwick and Leamington Spa. I can not remember the last time I went to Kenilworth with whom I have no connection. If I require anything I go to Warwick or Leamington Spa they are only 3 miles away, Kenilworth is much further, so I feel that it is far more logical to connect us to Warwick and Leamington Spa.
BCE-69078	Member of the public	Warwick	I am astounded to see that our small village, along with others that are very close to us could be assigned to the Kenilworth / Southam parliamentary constituency. We are three miles from Warwick, but to Southam is over 15 miles, and Kenilworth 9 miles. Our address is Warwick. On the proposed boundary map I can see a corridor between Warwick/Leamington and Stratford constituencies, which you have conveniently put into the Kenilworth/Southam constituency. We have nothing to do with these towns, and all our focus is towards Warwick and Leamington; shopping, doctors, medical care, schools, sports, social, petrol, car maintenance, etc. All our three children went to a school in Leamington for primary education and Warwick for secondary. I purchase the local newspaper, which centers around Warwick and Leamington news. We have nothing to do with Kenilworth/Southam; we do not shop there, or even go there, so they will certainly not be interested in us, and see us as a back-water if the new boundary is set. We cannot be properly represented if there is a new boundary and therefore ask you to allow us to continue to be part of Warwick/Leamington. The numbers in the villages must be very small, and insignificant, but the impact could be very significant and our identity, representation and influence lost.

BCE-69129	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>I am horrified to find that as a resident of Longbridge, Warwick, I am soon to be living on the edge of the proposed new constituency, where many of my friends living in the likes of Barford, Sherborne, and Wasperton will be classed as Southam and Kenilworth. This seems totally bonkers as it is grossly misrepresenting the societal representation of the area - Warwick and Leamington has always been a rural town, with many of the indigenous population living in outlying villages. To cut these people off into another constituency means that many who feel Warwick and Leamington to be their home, will have no say, whereas the thousands of students (from Warwick Uni in Coventry, living temporarily in the town) who have no vested interest in the area, will get to dictate the political background - surely the boundary commission has an obligation to maintain the demographics of its core residents and represent them proportionally in the constituency? To do otherwise is to misrepresent the voters and to give a disproportionate amount of voter power to the nomadic students who care more about the colour of westminster than the good of the local area - families that have lived and worked in the constituency for generations will be cut off, and that cannot be right. I would like you to re-consider your proposals and re-instate Barford, Wasperton, Sherborne, Norton Lindsay, and Hampton on the Hill back into Leamington & Warwick, as this can be done while staying within the voter limit for the constituency.</p> <p>Thanks and regards.</p>
BCE-69276	Member of the public	Leamington spa	<p>I am very concerned that the proposed boundary changes for Warwick and Leamington constituency fail to appreciate the longstanding connection that many local villages have with the our two county towns. I would also not want to see my own home of Bishop's Tachbrook be taken out of Warwick and Leamington, as it's these local services that I absolutely rely on. Additionally;</p> <p>Residents in Barford tend to use GP surgeries and dental practices in Warwick or Bishop's Tachbrook; their local hospital is in Warwick and many of them work or commute to either Warwick or Leamington, not to Kenilworth & Southam. The Barford Joint Parish Council area has always been part of Warwick and Leamington and the local newspaper is the Warwick Courier; Warwick and Leamington provide the main shopping centres.</p> <p>The Budbrooke Parish Council area has always been part of Warwick and Leamington. Children living there attend Budbrooke Primary School and are then expected to go to Aylesford School in Warwick. (In contrast, children in Hatton Green and the North part of Hatton Park attend Ferncumbie Primary School and are then expected to go to Henley-in-Arden School. This is in line with the official Warwickshire Education catchment areas);</p> <p>Residents in Norton Lindsey tend to use the library in Warwick. If they play hockey, they will tend to play for Warwick Hockey Club; if they play tennis, it will be at the Warwick Boat Club; residents are members of Leamington & County Golf Club based in Whitnash; gym facilities are in Warwick and Leamington;</p> <p>In all the above cases, residents have much more of a natural link to Warwick than they do to Kenilworth, let alone Southam and so it makes no sense to suggest these areas should be transferred from Warwick and Leamington. As far as I can see, there may be a case for us losing Hatton Park and Hatton Green residents, but that is all - and I would very much wish the commission to carefully consider these comments.</p>
BCE-69300	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>As the past District Councillor for Budbrooke Ward I write to give my comments on the Boundary Commission suggestion that Budbrooke Ward should be transferred to Kenilworth and Southam constituency away from Warwick and Leamington. I write to support the whole of Budbrooke remaining in W&L for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All the parishes within the Ward are also in the Bishops Tachbrook and Budbrooke County Division of Warwickshire County Council. 2. All the villages and settlements within the ward (Barford, Budbrooke, Hampton on the Hill, Hampton Magna, Norton Lindsey, Hatton Park and Hatton, Sherbourne, Wasperton) have a strong affinity to Warwick, with local bus services travelling into the town. 3. Residents use the public library in Warwick and most children move from primary to secondary education within the town, attending Aylesford School. Those attending independent schools go to the Warwick School Foundation, either Kings High School for Girls or Warwick School for Boys, they do not attend any schools currently in the Kenilworth and Southam constituency. 4. All the villagers use Warwick Hospital for health care and tend to use doctors and dentist practices within either Warwick or Leamington, 5. There is a young working population in many of the villages and they tend to either work in Warwick and Leamington or commute to Birmingham or London using the excellent Chiltern Railway service from Warwick Parkway station which is also in the Ward, there is a minor station at Hatton but this is used infrequently by commuters as the car park is very small. 6. Regarding sport and leisure facilities the local residents use the swimming pools in Warwick and Leamington, play hockey, cricket and tennis either in their own villages or at Warwick Boat Club and Warwick
BCE-69999	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>I find it most regrettable that the separation of Budbrooke, Norton Lindsey and Barford from the Warwick and Leamington constituency is being considered. These are places which have close links with Warwick and very little link with the more distant Kenilworth and Southam.</p>
BCE-70410	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>I absolutely do not see the point of this massaging and blurring of lines it simply makes maintenance and upkeep more expensive. Children have to travel further to school public transport is already laughable. This will make no improvement for the public</p>

BCE-70465	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>The current situation of Budbrooke being part of Warwick and Leamington should be retained because all these villages have a strong historic and current link with Warwick rather than with Kenilworth and Southam.</p> <p>I appreciate that it is not possible to retain Hatton Park and Hatton Green as this would increase the number of electors beyond the maximum size allowed by the Boundary Commission.</p> <p>The rest of Budbrooke should be retained because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The local hospital is in Warwick and GP and Dental Surgeries are in the main used by Residents of Barford. 2. Work commute is largely to Warwick or Leamington or further afield not to Kenilworth and Southam. 3. The Barford Joint Parish Council has always being part of Warwick and Leamington and the local newspaper is the Leamington Spa Courier which covers village news. Warwick and Leamington provide the main shopping centres. 4. Children in the villages attend Budbrooke Primary School and then go to Aylesford School in Warwick. 5. Warwick library tends to be used by Norton Lyndsey residents who make use of sporting facilities in Warwick and Leamington eg., Warwick Boat Club (Tennis and Bowls) Warwick Hockey Club, Leamington and County Golf Club and gym facilities in Warwick and Leamington. 6. In all these cases residents have more of a link to Warwick and Leamington than they do to Kenilworth or Southam. It makes no sense, therefore, to transfer these areas to Kenilworth and Southam.
BCE-70586	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>Living in Norton Lindsay I attended Warwick Public School, my sister attended Kings High School & my mother taught domestic science to the comprehensive school on Myton Road, Warwick. We travelled to Warwick every day for many years. Many other schoolboys & girls not only lived in this village but also Hampton on the Hill, Sherbourne, Wasperton & Barford. My first job was with Turriff Construction in Budbroke Road, Warwick. Similar connections from these outlying villages remain to this day with Warwick & Leamington the primary centre for the continued interaction with schools, shops, weekly markets and businesses. I for one now living in Warwick can see the heavy traffic entering the town in the morning and leaving at the end of the day; many of whom must have homes in these villages. It is therefore my strong wish for this village's residents and all other villages and their environs to remain in the Warwick & Leamington constituency. I would add that in these areas there is very little connection to the Southam constituency historically or otherwise. Please re-evaluate the proposed boundaries for the new areas currently under review.</p>
BCE-70842	Local councillor or other	Warwick	<p>It is unacceptable that so much of what was the Warwick and Leamington constituency is proposed to be given over to Kenilworth and Southam. Many in the villages and parishes surrounding Warwick and Leamington identify strongly with being close to Warwick, the county town and Leamington, the largest town in the district.</p> <p>For example residents in Barford, Budbrooke and Norton Lindsay in particular have much stronger cultural and commercial links with Warwick than they do with Kenilworth.</p> <p>Any prospective MP for the Warwick and Leamington constituency can not truly be representative of the area and its rich web of cultural, educational and commercial connections across both urban and rural habitats, if excluding its rural populace.</p> <p>Warwick and Leamington and both thriving market towns drawing many traders and shoppers from surrounding parishes. They deserve to have their say at a general election on how their lives and livelihoods are represented at a national level.</p>
BCE-71885	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>I am a member of the L.Spa golf club. We have many members from Barford, Wasperton and the other surrounding villages. On their way home, women tend to visit the large supermarkets which are within 2 to 3 miles of the golf club. They also visit L Spa and Warwick to do their more general shopping. Many residents in these towns are members of The Arts Society Royal Leamington Spa which brings them into L.S. for lectures and other events. The Society has used venues in e.g. Barford for days of Special Interest but has never looked for venues in Kenilworth. (Residents in Kenilworth can choose to join a branch of the Arts Society in Coventry or Solihull as well as Leamington.)</p> <p>All of the above has contributed over many years to fostering links between residents in Budbrooke Ward and those in Warwick and Leamington Spa.</p>

BCE-73448	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>As a resident of Leamington and the Midlands, having reviewed the proposals I would like to submit my support for the proposals to keep the rural areas of Warwick (principally Budbrooke, Barford and Wasperton) within whichever constituency contains Warwick, and support sorting out the Lillington boundaries at the top of the constituency.</p> <p>Leamington and Warwick are not isolated urban islands distinct from the surrounding rural areas!</p> <p>Both towns are embedded in the surrounding communities and the boundaries should reflect this. This is particularly true of Warwick as our county town and it would be very frustrating to see an artificial urban/rural divide created by Parliamentary boundaries. The new proposals make positive steps in this regard by extending the Leamington Milverton boundaries to cover Old Milverton, however the Warwick boundaries should revert back to as close to the original as is possible.</p> <p>Having lived in both urban and rural areas of the Midlands, it is important that those rural outlying areas that have an identity very closely linked to a parent town are not separated from it. This is the case of Budbrooke, Barford, Wasperton and Hampton Magna which are immediate outposts of Warwick and have little or no connection to Kenilworth: the acid test would be if you asked any resident of these areas where they lived.</p> <p>Warwick spans a wider area than the historic town centre viewed on a map and this should be reflected in the constituency boundaries as much as this is possible.</p> <p>As a former Solihull borough resident I agree with the observation that Hatton is in the hinterland between Warwick and the rural areas of Solihull. A good case could be made for its inclusion with Warwick, Kenilworth or equally Meriden. It is also true that Hatton Park has a distinct (and north-facing) identity to Hatton Green. Views from residents will probably be split similarly. If the ward needs to be split this is the logical area to place northwards.</p>
BCE-73795	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>Re. the Boundaries Commission's proposal to assign the whole of the Budbrooke Ward into Kenilworth and Southam. I do appreciate the need to balance the electoral numbers by law but the reassignment of the Budbrooke ward pays no geographical attention to the split and appears arbitrary in order to achieve the desired result. My family rarely visit Kenilworth and have never visited Southam. In short we have no common economic, social or geographic links with either Kenilworth and Southam and therefore object to this proposal.</p>
BCE-74152	Member of Parliament	Leamington Spa	<p>Having served as Member of Parliament for Warwick and Leamington constituency, it has been a privilege to represent the whole area.</p> <p>However, I realise that with the numerical target set down for the review, seats should contain within +5 or -5% of 73,393 electors and that the present constituency exceeds this.</p> <p>The fundamental basis of the constituency is the strong historical connections between the two principal towns – Warwick and Leamington, which have been within the same Parliamentary constituency since at least 1885. On a map or at street level, the towns are conjoined not just physically but socially too. They are interlinked economically, culturally and by generations of families who have lived in and moved between the two towns.</p> <p>Also, clearly linked is the town of Whitnash. Whitnash merges with Leamington – with one area within the Leamington ward and division of Brunswick you will find the Whitnash Tavern and Whitnash Nursery School. Whitnash shares the still growing developments of Warwick Gates and Heathcote with the Myton and Heathcote ward (Warwick South division) of Warwick. The remaining part of this area south of Leamington and Warwick is part of Bishops Tachbook Parish and District Council ward. Although the actual village was once quite separate from Whitnash and Leamington, with recent and already approved developments, the balance of the population of the ward is shifting to the areas closest to Whitnash and Warwick.</p> <p>Given the strong community links between the three towns and the ward of Bishops Tachbrook, the Commission has concluded that there is therefore no room for the ward of Budbrooke within the constituency, as including it would take the electorate well over the Commission's target. The Commission also seeks not to split wards. This does concern me, but the +/-5% target makes inclusion impossible.</p> <p>Instead the Commission recommends reuniting the smaller areas of Lillington and Milverton District wards to the north of Leamington within the Warwick and Leamington constituency most recently in Kenilworth and Southam.</p>
BCE-74361	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>I think that moving the Budbrooke Ward into the Kenilworth and Southam constituency does not fit with the way life is lived locally here. The residents use Warwick as their local town, not Kenilworth and make use of services in Warwick not in Kenilworth. Most use GP and dental surgeries in Warwick and secondary school children go to Aylesford School in the Warwick and Leamington constituency. It seems illogical to put this ward into any other constituency than the one that contains Warwick.</p>
BCE-74498	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>We are concerned about some of the proposed changes to W&L constituency, particularly the proposal to move villages to the south and west of Warwick from W&L into Kenilworth/Solihull i.e. Barford, Budbrooke, Sherbourne, the Hamptons, Wasperton, Norton Lindsay. These villages are both practically & historically linked to Warwick for services, health provision, secondary education, leisure facilities and, to a significant degree, employment, and therefore representation at parliamentary level should continue to be via a W&L MP. Residents of these villages rarely frequent Kenilworth or Southam for any of the above or have the same level of affiliation or historical ties, (for most their postal address is distinguished as eg. Barford, nr. Warwick). For these reasons we would ask that the W&L boundary continues to include these villages so as not to disadvantage residents and businesses.</p>

BCE-74921	Local councillor or other	Leamington Spa	<p>I have lived in Leamington for 34 years and contributed to the last Boundary Review of Parliamentary constituencies.</p> <p>The argument in favour of keeping Warwick, Leamington and Whitnash together, and represented by a single MP is even stronger today. Warwick continues to develop housing, business and other activities on land to the south of the rivers Leam and Avon, now merging seamlessly into Whitnash and Leamington which, like Warwick, straddles north and south of the river.</p> <p>The updated and expanded analysis attached shows the myriad ways in which clubs, societies, sport and other cultural, religious, ethnic, health and other social activities and services are intertwined between the three towns, whose centres are only a short cycle or bus ride apart.</p> <p>Most residents like myself, regard themselves as part of a single integrated community. I have friends in all three towns, five very close ones in Warwick, meeting in each others' houses or visiting pubs, mostly in Warwick as there is a better choice and dining in local restaurants across the area, including Bishops Tachbrook.</p> <p>So I support the Commission's proposal for the Warwick & Leamington Constituency, which is largely aligned with current boundaries. I think the small adjustments made to remain within the +/- 5% limits set for the Commission on voter numbers are compelling. Residents, businesses and local organisations will welcome confirmation of the continuity in these proposals and their recognition of local ties.</p> <p>These adjustments will simplify matters for voters and reflect even more closely that sense of local community.</p> <p>â€¢ 'New Cubbington' will rejoin North Leamington, which feels right and will be welcomed by residents - they both share the same primary and infant schooling for example.</p> <p>â€¢ Blackdown & Old Milverton belong to the Milverton and Lillington District Wards, Wards which are</p>
BCE-74923	Local councillor or other	WARWICK	<p>As the elected Councillor for Budbrooke at District and County level, although I am supportive of the majority of the recommendations, I cannot support the transfer of the whole of the Budbrooke Ward from Warwick & Leamington to Kenilworth & Southam.</p> <p>The recommendation would break the many historical and present local connections to Warwick & Leamington. It would also transfer more residents than is necessary to meet the target voter range, as Warwick & Leamington is currently larger than Kenilworth & Southam in terms of number of voters but the proposal would make Kenilworth & Southam unnecessarily the larger of the two.</p> <p>I am supportive of the recommendation of the Warwick & Leamington Conservative Association, and I have detailed my reasons in the attachment.</p>
BCE-75045	Member of the public	WARWICK	<p>We would wish to comment on the proposal to include Barford in the Kenilworth/Southam parliamentary constituency, a proposal which we have only just been made aware of.</p> <p>We have lived in Barford for 24 years and in that time have never been to Southam and you could count on one hand the times we have been to Kenilworth.</p> <p>The people we know live in Warwick and Leamington. Our doctor and dentist are there. We play sport at Clubs in that area and it is our main shopping venue.</p> <p>We simply do not relate to Kenilworth or Southam but we certainly do with Warwick and Leamington.</p> <p>We trust that your proposal will be amended and we will remain in the Warwick and Leamington constituency and not parcelled off to a foreign area.</p>
BCE-75124	Local councillor or other	WARWICK	<p>I am very unhappy with the suggestions of the Boundary Commission which unnecessarily takes out a complete rural ward (Budbrook) and leaves the Warwick & Leamington Constituency completely encircled by the Kenilworth & Southam constituency with Budbrook a narrow strip between two constituencies.</p> <p>The Commission could achieve the reduction in voters required by simply moving Hatton Parish Council out. This would reduce the negative impact of the changes dramatically.</p> <p>The impact the proposed changes would have on the residents of Budbrook are as follows:-</p> <p>â€¢ Residents in Barford tend to use GP surgeries and dental practices in Warwick or Bishops Tachbrook and their local hospital is in Warwick</p> <p>â€¢ Residents commute to work to Warwick & Leamington not to Kenilworth or Southam</p> <p>â€¢ The Barford Parish Council area has always been part of Warwick & Leamington with Warwick & Leamington providing the main shopping centres. Their local newspaper is the Warwick Courier</p> <p>â€¢ The Budbrooke Parish Council area has always been part of Warwick & Leamington. Children living there attend Budbrook Primary School and are then expected to go to Aylesford School in Warwick. In contrast children in Hatton Green and the north part of Hatton Park attend Ferncumbe Primary School and are then expected to go to Henley-in-Arden school. This is in line with the official Warwickshire Education catchment areas</p> <p>â€¢ Residents in Norton Lindsey use the library in Warwick and the sports clubs and gyms they use are situated in Warwick.</p> <p>â€¢ In all the above cases, residents have much more of a natural link to Warwick than they do to Kenilworth let alone Southam which is miles away so it makes no sense to suggest these areas should be transferred from Warwick & Leamington and become, as I mentioned earlier, a very narrow strip between two constituencies.</p>
BCE-75136	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>The villages involved in the proposed move to Kenilworth & Southam from Warwick & Leamington are historically bound to Warwick. In the current situation the residents rely heavily on and associate with Warwick as the county town both commercially & socially. Many residents have work associations with Warwick and Leamington. Residents who travel further afield for work use Warwick Parkway station.</p> <p>A move to the Kenilworth & Southam constituency would not benefit either Kenilworth or Stratford upon Avon and most certainly would not have any impact on Southam. Taking away the villages would have a devastating effect on Warwick & Leamington politically and would create yet another division.</p>

BCE-75184	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>Considering the reduction in the number of West Midlands constituencies from 59 to 57, the proposed, revised new Leamington and Warwick constituency area is logical. As a former resident of Leamington Spa and now for 30 years living in Bishop's Tachbrook, I feel part of the urban community. Even more so since the considerable number of new homes that are being located South of Leamington & Warwick. The recommended new Warwick and Leamington boundary would gain the parts of Lillington and Milverton wards that currently lie in Kenilworth and Southam (ie Blackdown. Old Milverton and New Cubbington). This I believe will provide an inclusive coherent identity for the proposed constituency.</p> <p>[RD:12]</p>
BCE-75227	Member of the public	Whitnash	<p>I wish to support the Commission's initial proposals for Warwick and Leamington. I think they are coherent and reflect the actual closeness of Warwick Leamington and Whitnash.</p> <p>I and my family have lived and worked in the constituency since 1987. At first we lived in Church Street (Leamington Willes), moving to Church Lane (Whitnash) in 1998. Our children went to schools in Leamington. My work was in Warwick, so I commuted daily until 2007 except during times when I was re-located by my employer outside the area.</p> <p>As an active musician I regard Warwick and Leamington as my home catchment, performing at venues right across the area. I am also a frequent arts attender. Venues have ranged from large-scale eg Spa Centre, Warwick Folk Festival, various churches in both towns, Pump Rooms etc, to pubs and informal events, eg The Punchbowl, Warwick Book Shop, Nelson Club, Lord Leicester Hospital (Warwick), The Bedford, St. Patrick's Irish Club, Town House, Victoria House (Leamington). My mailing list contains 400+ addresses from right across the district and beyond.</p> <p>We still shop regularly in Warwick, both at the large Tesco and the specialist shops on Smith Street and elsewhere in the town. When shopping in Leamington we frequently walk in from Whitnash, returning by bus. We still eat out in both towns (less often than before because of COVID), and use the open spaces of both for walking and birdwatching.</p> <p>Socially most of our connections are with people our own age in Leamington. However the new developments around Whitnash, Warwick Gates and SE Warwick are bringing in new people, many of them younger, and we are starting to make connections with them too.</p>
BCE-75234	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>Appears a good proposal for our area. Warwick and Leamington are pretty conjoined now, with plenty employed in one and living in the other, as well as the schools catchment areas being across all the areas. The wider villages, by comparison, dont have as much in common.</p>
BCE-75357	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>I gave personal evidence to a previous boundary commission as a ward councillor for previous Warwick North Town and District ward. I strongly believe communities are far more important than creating boundaries driven by artificial arbitrary application of numbers of electors per representative.</p> <p>I support the broad proposal as it adheres to the important linkage of Warwick and Leamington in one constituency. My evidence was mentioned in the review report as I referred to the towns and communities being like conjoined twins. As the towns have developed in recent years nearby communities have all but merged into a natural single entity. Sharing transport links and other infrastructure such as shopping parks and places of worship.</p>
BCE-75372	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>I am very relieved to see the recommendations for the boundaries above. I believe that this solution represents the best way of keeping the communities of Leamington, Warwick, Milverton, New Cubbington, Tachbrook, Blackdown and Whitnash together. As a resident of South Leamington I have ties with Whitnash, but also through schools with Milverton, Blakdown and Warwick. It would be a real wrench to divide any of the proposed areas, and the inclusion of the slivers of Lillington and Milverton wards remedy the previously odd situation.</p>
BCE-75440	On behalf of a Local Auth	Royal Leamington Spa	<p>Please see the attached submission from Warwick District Council regarding the proposals and their impact n Warwick District. This applies to both the Warwick & Leamington Constituency and the Kenilworth & Southam Constituency.</p> <p>These comments were agreed by the Licensing & Regulatory Committee of 19 July 2021 and are provided in the draft minutes of the Committee. The minutes are draft as they are subject to confirmation of the Committee at its next meeting in September.</p>
BCE-75477	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>Happy with the proposals for Warwick and Leamington</p>
BCE-75548	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>I am in favour of the proposed changes. I live in Bishops Tachbrook, have children in school at Whitnash so it makes sense to have these changes for greater community cohesion.</p>
BCE-75561	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>I just wanted to congratulate the Boundary Commission on your proposed changes for Warwick and Leamington constituency, which I fully support. These respect the longstanding traditional links between the areas you have included, and as far as I am aware have wide support in the area. I hope this proposal will endure, as it represents the 'best fit' solution given the constraints of the brief under which you are operating (constituency size etc.).</p>
BCE-76120	Member of the public	LEAMINGTON SPA	<p>Under Rule 5 in Schedule 2 I urge the BCE to pay more attention to the local ties which align most but not all of the Budbroke Ward, which BCE is proposing to move into the Kenilworth & Southam constituency. It makes sense to attach the Hatton Parish Council (covering Hatton Park and Hatton Green) to the Kenilworth & Southam constituency: for example, children in Hatton Green and the North part of Hatton Park attend Ferncumbe Primary School and are then expected to go to Henley-in-Arden School. This is in line with the official Warwickshire Education catchment areas</p> <p>By contrast, children living in Budbrooke Parish Council attend Budbrooke Primary School and are then expected to go to Aylesford School in Warwick. This is also in line with the official Warwickshire Education catchment areas.</p> <p>Residents in Barford tend to use GP surgeries and dental practices in Warwick or Bishop's Tachbrook; local hospital is in Warwick;</p> <p>Work commute is either to Warwick & Leamington or further afield, not to Kenilworth & Southam; the local newspaper is the Warwick Courier; Warwick and Leamington provide the main shopping centres;</p>

BCE-76269	On behalf of a Parish or T Warwick		<p>Budbrooke Parish Council object to the proposals:- Budbrooke has never been associated with any area apart from Warwick. To illustrate the local connection to Warwick, a Parish Cllr ever since living at Littleworth (now in Norton Lindsey parish) in the 60's and 70's, visiting the doctor, dentist and opticians have all been in Warwick, even using the same practice. Warwick has always been the main town to go to, Budbrooke feels 'connected' to it. As villages, Budbrooke parishes are even closer to Warwick than Bishops Tachbrook is to Leamington. The parochial parish includes Chase Meadow, so splitting it does not make sense from a Church point of view. In the last two or three decades, Budbrooke has diminished in size, mostly to Warwick and Norton Lindsey and moving us into a different constituency would alienate the few residents there from us even more.</p>
BCE-76675	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>I have attached a Word document that contains my comments</p> <p>regards</p> <p>[RD:14]</p>
BCE-76676	On behalf of another org;	Leamington Spa	<p>I have attached the official response of the Warwick & Leamington Conservative Association as a pdf file</p> <p>regards</p> <p>[RD:14]</p>
BCE-77028	Local councillor or other	WARWICK	<p>Comment reference number BCE-75124.</p> <p>I am very unhappy with the suggestions of the Boundary Commission which unnecessarily takes out a complete rural ward (Budbrooke) and leaves the Warwick & Leamington Constituency completely encircled by the Kenilworth & Southam constituency with Budbrooke a narrow strip between two constituencies.</p> <p>The Commission could achieve the reduction in voters required by simply moving Hatton Parish Council out. This would reduce the negative impact of the changes dramatically.</p> <p>The impact the proposed changes would have on the residents of Budbrooke are as follow :- • Residents in Barford tend to use GP surgeries and dental practices in Warwick or Bishops Tachbrook and their local hospital is in Warwick • Residents commute to work to Warwick & Leamington not to Kenilworth or Southam, Warwick Parkway Station is in Budbrooke providing transport links between Warwick, London and Birmingham not Kenilworth or Southam. • The Barford Parish Council area has always been part of Warwick & Leamington with Warwick & Leamington providing the main shopping centres. Their local newspaper is the Warwick Courier • The Budbrooke Parish Council area has always been part of Warwick & Leamington. Children living there attend Budbrooke Primary School and are then expected to go to Aylesford School in Warwick. In contrast children in Hatton Green and the north part of Hatton Park attend Ferncumbe Primary School and are then expected to go to Henley-in-Arden school. This is in line with the official Warwickshire Education catchment areas • Residents in Norton Lindsey use the library in Warwick and the sports clubs and gyms they use are situated in Warwick. • In all the above cases, residents have much more of a natural link to Warwick than they do to Kenilworth let alone Southam which is miles away so it makes no sense to suggest these areas should be transferred from Warwick & Leamington and become, as I mentioned earlier, a very narrow strip between two</p>
BCE-77136	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>• broadly support the preliminary proposal for this constituency.</p> <p>I have lived in the Warwick and Leamington Constituency for over 40 years and have always considered the 2 towns, Whitnash and the immediate surrounding wards to be one cohesive area. I was a County Cllr for 16 years, so have had wider public engagement than most, but I have never met anyone who thought otherwise. There are strong links of employment, recreation, transport, retail etc. that are firmly established and new developments have served to cement these bonds rather than create new centres. • particularly welcome the (re-)inclusion of the part of (New) Cubbington. •</p>
BCE-77175	Member of the public	LEAMINGTON SPA	<p>The proposed changes are sensible in that they reflect the existing interpersonal connections of the area. For example, Warwick and Leamington are distinct from each other but residents from both move seamlessly between each other for work and leisure.</p>

BCE-77242	On behalf of a Parish or T Norton Lindsey		<p>Norton Lindsey Parish Council (NLPC) strongly disagrees with the current proposal to remove the ward of Budbrooke from the Warwick & Leamington BC Parliamentary Constituency and add it to the Kenilworth & Southam CC Parliamentary Constituency.</p> <p>a) The majority of Budbrooke ward residents use Warwick and/or Leamington as their local town for shopping, leisure, employment, and often medical needs. Historically this has meant close ties between the villages in the ward and the Warwick & Leamington Constituency.</p> <p>The Parish of Norton Lindsey, in Budbrooke Ward, is geographically close to Warwick at 4.2 miles distance (by car), but it is some 10.4 miles to Kenilworth and some 17 miles to Southam. If this proposal was implemented, residents would have to travel through the full length of the Warwick & Leamington constituency to reach Kenilworth, showing why geographically the proposal makes very little sense.</p> <p>b) The proposed boundaries for the two constituencies would leave a thin "strip" between Warwick & Leamington and Stratford-Upon-Avon CC, leaving residents of this strip geographically and culturally separated from their natural neighbouring communities "sandwiched" between two other constituencies.</p> <p>c) NLPC would argue that alterations to the boundaries of the north of the Warwick & Leamington constituency between Kenilworth, Leek Wootton and Leamington would better serve the interests of all Warwickshire residents and more fittingly match local ties and geography. Alternatively splitting the</p>
BCE-77601	Member of the public	Hatton Green	<p>I fail to understand moving a CV35 postcode area into a CV8 constituency. CV35 areas have NO ties to CV8 in respect to schools, doctors, etc. All our NHS needs are dealt with in either CV35 or CV34. Our schools are in CV35 or CV34. A CV8 Kenilworth Council will not have any interest in the surrounding CV35 villages. Hatton, Budbrooke etc. Will be left behind. Hatton already has only ONE bus a week. Please stop and consider this proposal from the point of view of these seriously affected by the change.</p>
BCE-77820	Member of the public	WARWICK	<p>I object strongly to the current proposals. I believe that Budbrooke Ward less Hatton Park and Hatton Green should be reinstated into the constituency of Warwick and Leamington. This will meet the maximum elector threshold set by the Boundary Commission and it will also meet the minimum elector threshold for Kenilworth and Southam.</p> <p>Any redrawing of boundaries needs to take account of both the historic and current reach of Warwick which is way beyond the town of Warwick itself. We have no affinity with Southam or Kenilworth. The local travel and decarbonization strategy is aligned to local plans and the Budbrooke Ward is central to that success.</p> <p>Norton Lindsey</p> <p>Norton Lindsey is 3.5 miles south-west of Warwick. Although physically closer to Warwick than Stratford, Stratford-upon-Avon School is the secondary school, based on the official catchment area. Wolverton Primary School (near Norton Lindsey) covers this area. Norton Lindsey and Wolverton Cricket Club is located in Norton Lindsey and their teams participate in the Cotswold Hills League.</p> <p>Currently, there are strong links with Stratford and Warwick and The coterminous boundary is only about 200 metres long, whereas the boundary with Budbrooke PC is directly to the north for about two miles and the boundary with Barford JPC is directly to the East for about 1.5 miles.</p> <p>Therefore, Norton Lindsey points towards both Warwick and Stratford but has little or no connection with either Kenilworth or Southam.</p> <p>Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton</p> <p>I am a Barford resident and all of our social, community and business activities and daily life has nothing at all to do with Southam or Kenilworth.</p>
BCE-77850	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>I think of Leamington and Warwick as one community, so this is a satisfactory, natural boundary for the constituency.</p>
BCE-77964	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>I approve of the proposed changes</p>

BCE-77994	On behalf of a Parish or T Warwick	Warwick Town Council Parliamentary Boundary Submission
		<p>As the County Town of Warwickshire and the one of the oldest municipal administrations, it is felt very important that we make our opinions on the Boundary Commissions submission for the new Warwick & Leamington Parliamentary Constituency. This Council is very concerned that the current proposal will produce a new constituency marooned within another constituency and has little acknowledgment of the physical, cultural, recreational, educational, and historical links that those small Parish Council areas adjacent to Warwick town have with this part of the Constituency.</p>
		<p>This council believe that these established and long-standing settlements should be included in the new Constituency. Budbrook parish like Warwick itself was mentioned in the Domesday book long before Leamington came into being.</p>
		<p>Efforts must be made to ensure that Budbrooke remains part of Warwick since they are intertwined both historically and currently. The villages identify with Warwick and should remain so, in allowing these villages to switch constituencies there would be a break in these historic and current connections which would have harm upon the culture and social aspect of the current boundary arrangement. The disparity will add to confusion within local politics which has reduced over recent years.</p>
		<p>The current residents of Hampton-on-the-Hill, Hampton Magna, Norton Lindsey, Sherbourne, Barford and Wasperton all look to Warwick for their daily economic, educational, and recreational needs. By including these villages within the new Warwick & Leamington Constituency, the commission would remove the "doughnut" effect as the Constituency will run directly along the Stratford on Avon constituency border as it does now.</p>
BCE-78017	On behalf of another org: Warwick	<p>The senior school for these villages is primarily Aylesford School and Myton School in Warwick however the We are a part of Budbrooke Parish and wish to remain within the Warwick and Leamington Ward. Nearly all our residents are linked to Warwick and Leamington through work, school, shopping, church and social events. In other words we are a part of the local community. We very much want to remain so. There are many historic links to Warwick and Leamington where many were born, married and have relatives buried there. We do not wish to be alienated by a move away from our roots. Please leave us as we are.</p>
		<p>To remove us to Kenilworth & Southam is quite illogical and must not be allowed.</p>
		<p>Thank you</p>
BCE-78043	Local councillor or other Warwick	<p>I object to the creation of an artificial isthmus within the Kenilworth & Southam Constituency that cuts my area off from its local towns of Warwick & Leamington and the Constituency based on those towns.</p> <p>Our natural allegiance and interest is firstly to Warwick, secondly to Leamington. These towns are where we shop and where we use the services, and where many of us work. With the greatest of respect to Kenilworth this not where our allegiance lies.</p> <p>We wish to be able to influence local services, planning, highways, health and social provision. That is to say the ones we actually use.</p> <p>Why are we being pushed towards an area that has such a tenuous link to where we live ?</p> <p>The natural grouping together of Warwick and Leamington is complemented by those closely sited and related villages whose natural focus is on these two towns is so many ways.</p> <p>In effect in future if this unwelcome change takes place we would have to deal with two MP's on any issues because we are so closely aligned in numerous ways, geographical and otherwise with Warwick Town.</p> <p>Please leave the administrative focus as it is now.</p>

BCE-78118	Member of the public	Royal Leamington Spa	<p>I write in relation to the proposed changes to the Warwick & Leamington Parliamentary seat as a resident that lives in Royal Leamington Spa. I support the decision to rationalise the boundaries in North Leamington by adding in parts of Old Milverton and Blackdown. However, I write to oppose the decision to move all of the Budbrooke ward out of the Parliamentary constituency.</p> <p>The BCE proposal rightfully keeps the towns of Royal Leamington Spa, Whitnash, Warwick and Bishop's Tachbrook together. These towns together have grown, and are very interconnected with it hard to determine where they all start and end, blending into each other even more these days due to housing developments on the edge of Sydenham in Leamington blending into East Whitnash, and along Europa Way blending Bishop's Tachbrook and Warwick. Keeping all these towns together in the Warwick & Leamington seat means that lots of electors are not moving constituency.</p> <p>The northern boundary of the Warwick & Leamington constituency in the Milverton ward has always been odd, and has not reflected the reality on the ground. Currently a handful of houses on Hopton Crofts are in Warwick & Leamington, with the rest of the road in Kenilworth & Southam. It is similar in the Lillington ward. The decision to bring all of the Milverton and Lillington wards (that are all in the boundary of the parish of Royal Leamington Spa) makes sense, and has been a long time coming. This unites communities and means that the entire Parish of Leamington is now in the seat that has its name.</p> <p>The inclusion of all of Leamington into the seat then has an impact on numbers, meaning that the BCE has had to move some electors out of the Warwick & Leamington seat to be within the upper threshold that BCE has to work towards. However, the decision to move the entirety of the Budbrooke ward out of the seat and into Kenilworth & Southam does not make sense. Instead, the majority of the ward should remain in Warwick & Leamington, with the exception of Hatton and Hatton Park that should go into the Kenilworth & Southam seat. This would leave Warwick & Leamington within the threshold with 76,602 electors. This would also mean that fewer electors would be moving parliamentary seats than the current BCE proposal.</p>
BCE-78554	Member of the public	BARFORD	<p>The new boundaries in our area make no sense. We are part of Warwick district and should remain so.</p>
BCE-78611	Member of the public	Heathcote, Warwick	<p>I live in the area of Warwick Gates that falls in the Whitnash ward, on the boundary with Myton and Heathcote.</p> <p>I support the Commission's proposal for the Warwick and Leamington constituency. Having lived here since 2000, I agree that the strong connection between the Warwick and Leamington areas should be preserved.</p> <p>My children went to Primary school in Whitnash and secondary school in Warwick. I work in Warwick and spend a lot of time walking around Warwick Gates and Bishops Tachbrook. This area's recent development means that many people living in the rapidly growing community of Warwick Gates are dependent on both the amenities and local services and infrastructure in both Warwick and Leamington. It makes sense to keep the connection of Warwick and Leamington as one constituency.</p>
BCE-78672	On behalf of a Parish or T	Warwick	<p>Boundary Commission for England 2023 Review</p> <p>Hatton Parish Council's response to the Initial Proposals, published 21st June 2021</p> <p>We note the proposal to move the Budbrooke Ward of Warwick District Council, which includes Hatton Parish, from the Warwick and Leamington Constituency to that of Kenilworth and Southam in order to fulfil the requirement to bring the electorate of the latter above the threshold of 69,724 decreed by Parliament.</p> <p>We find it extraordinary that this recommendation is based on the present population and does not make allowance for the increase resulting from the developments included in the Warwick District Local Plan, adopted in 2017. We understand that this would be sufficient to achieve the required increase in the electorate.</p> <p>Hatton Parish is, in all respects a part of the Warwick and Leamington community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All direct transport and communication links are with Warwick: road, cycle and pedestrian, rail and even canal. • Our children predominantly attend schools in Warwick. • We attend doctors' surgeries and other medical facilities in Warwick. • Our retail facilities, tradespeople and other resources are largely in Warwick and Leamington. • Employment: our residents work over a large part of the West Midlands, but again, there is predominance towards Warwick and Leamington. <p>We can therefore see no reason for, nor benefit from the proposed change</p>

BCE-78940	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>I am concerned about the proposal to include Budbrooke Parish within the Kenilworth and Southam constituency because of the very strong links between Budbrooke Parish and the town of Warwick - and the absence of links between the Budbrooke Parish and the towns of Kenilworth and Southam. My comments are based on personal experience of working for 22 years as a Primary School Teacher, Assistant and Acting Head in both Kenilworth and Budbrooke. I believe that my experience gives a clear indication that Budbrooke is part of the fabric of Warwick " and has no connection with Kenilworth or Southam.</p> <p>Importantly, my understanding is that retaining the Budbrooke Parish (Hampton Magna, Budbrooke village and Hampton-on-the-Hill) within the Warwick and Leamington constituency would still ensure that the number of electors in Warwick and Leamington does not exceed the Boundary Commission's upper threshold.</p> <p>For six years I worked in Kenilworth at Thorns and St John's schools. The schools in Kenilworth enjoy the benefits of financial support from the William Edwards charity and work together to provide inter-school activities such as in sports and country-dancing (at Kenilworth Castle). The children belong to many Kenilworth organisations such as the Scout and Guiding groups based in the town and many take an active part in Kenilworth Town events such as the Kenilworth Carnival.</p> <p>In sharp contrast, during the 16 years that I worked at Budbrooke school (2002 - 2018), the pupils took an active part in many Warwick town events including the 1100th anniversary of the creation of the town, the annual Remembrance Day parade in the town centre, the annual Warwick Carnival and with Christmas activities and school music festivals held for schools in Warwick at the Collegiate Church of St Mary's Warwick. Because of the number of Budbrooke pupils who live within CV34, the school has been able to benefit greatly from charitable gifts from the King Henry VIII Trust to support the education of children of Warwick. Furthermore many pupils belong to the Warwick District Scouting organisations and the 2nd Warwick Sea Scouts - and there is always good-humoured rivalry between active club members and their parents who are proud to belong to the various junior football clubs that are in Warwick! However, the pupils</p>
BCE-79115	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>Please see the attached letter to the Boundary Commission and a scan of the area to which this letter refers.</p>
BCE-79462	Local councillor or other	Leamington Spa	<p>I am the Leader of Warwick District Council and have served as the Ward Councillor for Bishop's Tachbrook since May 2015, having previously been a Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Councillor since 2003.</p> <p>The circa 140,000 residents of Warwick District are located in all of the Warwick & Leamington constituency and part for the Kenilworth & Southam constituency. The Bishop's Tachbrook Ward is adjacent to the Budbrooke Ward, with strong and growing community links between the main villages in each Ward of Bishop's Tachbrook and Barford.</p> <p>I understand that the BCE proposes to restructure the parliamentary boundary for the Warwick & Leamington constituency as part of the 2023 Review by:</p> <p>1) Moving Old Milverton, Blackdown and parts of Cubbington village from Kenilworth & Southam constituency (K&S) to Warwick & Leamington Constituency (W&L).</p> <p>I support these changes as they resolve minor incoherencies in existing boundaries; provide clarity to electors where today neighbours in the same street are in different constituencies, and simplify the administrative process for Warwick District's Electoral Registration Officers.</p> <p>2) Transferring the Budbrooke Ward - which consists of the parishes of Barford Joint Parish Council (villages of Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton), Budbrooke Parish Council (Hampton-on-the-Hill and Hampton Magna), Hatton Parish Council (Hatton Green, Hatton Park and Hatton) and Norton Lindsey Parish Council " from the Warwick & Leamington constituency to the Kenilworth & Southern constituency.</p> <p>In respect of 2) above, I strongly object to all the Budbrooke Ward being removed from the Warwick & Leamington constituency, for the following reasons:</p> <p>a) The residents of this area have historic links to the towns of Warwick and Leamington, which can be traced to the 1200s. The Budbrooke Ward is a part of the Warwick & Leamington constituency, and Kenilworth & Southam constituency.</p> <p>I note that the Boundary Commission is proposing to move Budbrooke Ward from Warwick & Leamington to Kenilworth & Southam.</p> <p>As a former Warwick District Ward councillor for Budbrooke Ward, I have come to know the area of Budbrooke Ward very well over the years. From attending many meetings with Parish Councils and discussions with electors in the Ward, the communities in Budbrooke view themselves as very integrated to the towns of Warwick and Leamington, far more so than with Kenilworth, let alone Southam where there is no local connection whatsoever. (I don't think in 20 years of living in Budbrooke Ward that I have ever been to Southam.)</p> <p>As a resident in Budbrooke ward, living in Wasperton, I go to Leamington for shopping, the petrol station, restaurants and entertainment. My local gym is in Warwick as are the nearest parks. I use restaurants and pubs in Warwick, as well as visiting Warwick market on a Saturday. The children went to schools in Warwick, with a large portion of their and my friends based in the towns of Leamington and Warwick. My place of work is on the Warwick Industrial Estate and I use Leamington Railway Station for journeys to London and Birmingham.</p> <p>This is the case for the majority of residents in the Ward, having similarly strong geographic and cultural connections with Leamington and even more so with Warwick. Where people look outside these two towns, it is to Stratford-upon-Avon and Birmingham/London. Kenilworth barely registers.</p> <p>Others are better placed to go into the detailed history of the strong connections, but I believe that Budbrooke Ward has been part of the Warwick & Leamington constituency since the Warwick & Leamington constituency was formed in 1885, so their are strong historical associations that would be broken.</p>
BCE-79618	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>I note that the Boundary Commission is proposing to move Budbrooke Ward from Warwick & Leamington to Kenilworth & Southam.</p> <p>As a former Warwick District Ward councillor for Budbrooke Ward, I have come to know the area of Budbrooke Ward very well over the years. From attending many meetings with Parish Councils and discussions with electors in the Ward, the communities in Budbrooke view themselves as very integrated to the towns of Warwick and Leamington, far more so than with Kenilworth, let alone Southam where there is no local connection whatsoever. (I don't think in 20 years of living in Budbrooke Ward that I have ever been to Southam.)</p> <p>As a resident in Budbrooke ward, living in Wasperton, I go to Leamington for shopping, the petrol station, restaurants and entertainment. My local gym is in Warwick as are the nearest parks. I use restaurants and pubs in Warwick, as well as visiting Warwick market on a Saturday. The children went to schools in Warwick, with a large portion of their and my friends based in the towns of Leamington and Warwick. My place of work is on the Warwick Industrial Estate and I use Leamington Railway Station for journeys to London and Birmingham.</p> <p>This is the case for the majority of residents in the Ward, having similarly strong geographic and cultural connections with Leamington and even more so with Warwick. Where people look outside these two towns, it is to Stratford-upon-Avon and Birmingham/London. Kenilworth barely registers.</p> <p>Others are better placed to go into the detailed history of the strong connections, but I believe that Budbrooke Ward has been part of the Warwick & Leamington constituency since the Warwick & Leamington constituency was formed in 1885, so their are strong historical associations that would be broken.</p>

BCE-80313	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>We are not in agreement to the boundary changes as it is to affect Budbrooke Ward, and more specifically Barford.</p> <p>All of the local services that we use, from shopping, sports and recreation, education, medical and social provision are based in Warwick and Leamington and none from Kenilworth and Southam district. Geographically Barford is located adjacent to the County town of Warwick, and is completely at odds with the majority of the offerings in Kenilworth and Southam district.</p> <p>In terms of our current and any future member of parliament the Warwick and Leamington MP will naturally have more affinity with the adjacent outlying villages, rather than having to make contact with remote representation.</p> <p>Please leave Budbrooke Ward with Warwick and Leamington.</p>
BCE-80501	Local councillor or other	Kenilworth	<p>I am against these proposals, as a Kenilworth Councillor the areas of Budbrooke, Barford and Hampton Magna look towards Warwick, are part of Warwick, residents use local Council and other services in Warwick (gyms, libraries, Warwick and Warwick Parkway stations, takeaways and restaurants, medical facilities and secondary schools). To ensure effective democratic representation they would be best placed within the same Parliamentary constituency.</p> <p>I would say that these areas should stay in Leamington and Warwick area, rather than move into Kenilworth and Southam.</p>
BCE-80751	Member of the public	WARWICK	<p>It seems to me totally ridiculous to move Budbrooke Parish to Kenilworth. We are Warwick, our children go to school in Warwick we have Warwick Parkway Station, we use medical facilities and the hospital in Warwick which is just a couple of miles down the road, we use shops in Warwick and have every conceivable contact with Warwick.</p> <p>We have none of this with Kenilworth which is a totally different part of Warwickshire and has no attachment to Budbrooke/ Hampton magna at all.</p> <p>Conjoining us with Kenilworth is sheer lunacy and will certainly disenfranchise us as voters as Kenilworth and Southam couldn't be more divorced from us - they aren't even close.</p> <p>A very big NO THANK YOU! We want to stay with Warwick.</p>
BCE-81281	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>[RD:27]</p> <p>My address contains Warwick My business name contains Warwick My life revolves around Warwick Budbrooke is in Warwick Kenilworth has no interest to me what so ever If it did Iâ€™d live there Iâ€™ve no desire whatsoever to be in Kenilworth Donâ€™t move my boundaries</p>
BCE-81492	Local councillor or other	Warwick	<p>I object to the proposal to place the parish of Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton in the Parliamentary Constituency of Kenilworth and Southam.</p> <p>Geographically we are only 3 miles from Warwick, whereas Kenilworth is over 8 miles and Southam is 13 and both are reached by driving through or past Warwick and Leamington! I regularly cycle to Warwick. I would not even consider doing so to Kenilworth which is reached on the busy A46 bypass.</p> <p>Southam does not have the amenities or resources of a proper town.</p> <p>Warwick and Leamington are the towns we use for our hospital, doctors, dentistry, opticians and shopping. We read the local paper, The Warwick Courier and our local libraries are in Warwick and Leamington. Most residents of the parish use the parks and other sporting amenities of Warwick, not Kenilworth or Southam.</p> <p>It just makes no sense to transfer us to Kenilworth, let alone Southam. We have a much more natural link to Warwick.</p> <p>Please reconsider these ill conceived proposals.</p>
BCE-82247	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>I am disgusted that having been born and raised in Warwick that where I live, Budbrooke is due to be changed to Kenilworth and Southam. Our train station is called WARWICK Parkway, I attended school in WARWICK, when I was sick I went to WARWICK hospital and therefore it is confusing to me that my constituency and boundary would change? Budbrooke is an important part of the Warwick community, please for the good of the community do not change our boundaries. Thank you.</p>

BCE-82284	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>Feel that there are improvements to be made to the BCE proposal;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Residents in Barford tend to use GP surgeries and dental practices in Warwick or Bishop's Tachbrook; local hospital is in Warwick; - Work commute is either to Warwick & Leamington or further afield, not to Kenilworth & Southam; - The Barford Joint Parish Council area has always been part of Warwick and Leamington and the local newspaper is the Warwick Courier; Warwick and Leamington provide the main shopping centres; - The Budbrooke Parish Council area has always been part of Warwick and Leamington. Children living there attend Budbrooke Primary School and are then expected to go to Aylesford School in Warwick. (In contrast, children in Hatton Green and the North part of Hatton Park attend Ferncumbe Primary School and are then expected to go to Henley-in-Arden School. This is in line with the official Warwickshire Education catchment areas); - Residents in Norton Lindsey tend to use the library in Warwick. If they play hockey, they will tend to play for Warwick Hockey Club; if they play tennis, it will be at the Warwick Boat Club; residents are members of Leamington & County Golf Club based in Whitnash; gym facilities are in Warwick and Leamington; - In all the above cases, residents have much more of a natural link to Warwick than they do to Kenilworth, let alone Southam and so it makes no sense to suggest these areas should be transferred from Warwick and Leamington; <p>Thus to add back the following to the BCE proposed Warwick and Leamington district;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hampton-on-the-Hill -Hampton -Magna -Norton Lindsey -Sherbourne -Barford -Wasperton
BCE-82319	Member of the public	leamington spa	<p>When proposing the boundary changes for Leamington and Warwick the mistakes of history are being repeated by what gives the appearance of a desktop geographical and numbers exercise that ignores the real interactions of affected stakeholder communities e.g. Middle East at end of 2nd World War!</p> <p>Probably less divisive in this case yet still pitting the urban against the rural by creating an almost overwhelming urban domination of the Warwick and Leamington Constituency while exiling the rural villages to towns with whom they have little real connection. More specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budbrooke as part of Warwick and Leamington to be retained because these villages have a very strong historic and current link with Warwick (rather than Kenilworth and Southam) • Residents in Barford largely use GP surgeries and dental practices in Warwick or Bishop's Tachbrook; local hospital is in Warwick; • Work commute from these areas is either to Warwick & Leamington or further afield, not to Kenilworth & Southam; • The Barford Joint Parish Council area has always been part of Warwick and Leamington and the local newspaper is the Warwick Courier; Warwick and Leamington provide the main shopping centres • The Budbrooke Parish Council area has always been part of Warwick and Leamington. Children living there attend Budbrooke Primary School and are then expected to go to Aylesford School in Warwick. This is in line with the official Warwickshire Education catchment areas • Residents in Norton Lindsey tend to use community facilities in Warwick and Leamington • The above residents have much more of a natural link to Warwick than they do to Kenilworth, let alone Southam and so it makes no sense to suggest these areas should be transferred from Warwick and Leamington
BCE-82320	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>Warwick & Leamington Constituency The separation of Barford and Norton Linsey is not logical. It has always been part of Warwick and Leamington and the local newspaper is the Warwick Courier; Warwick and Leamington provide the main shopping centres; The Budbrooke Parish Council area has always been part of Warwick and Leamington. Children living there attend Budbrooke Primary School and are then expected to go to Aylesford School in Warwick. (In contrast, children in Hatton Green and the North part of Hatton Park attend Ferncumbe Primary School and are then expected to go to Henley-in-Arden School. This is in line with the official Warwickshire Education catchment areas.</p> <p>It makes no sense to separate this parish.</p>
BCE-82323	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>My family have been resident in both Warwick and Leamington for up to forty years and we have brought our four children up here, all of whom were educated in the area.</p> <p>Leamington and Warwick are closely linked and, whilst we live in the centre of Leamington we regularly travel to Warwick for shopping, leisure and other activities.</p> <p>I do think it would be logical that Bishops Tachbrook should also be part of the Leamington & Warwick constituency.</p> <p>Having said that I think there is much to commend the new boundary proposal and therefore I support the change in the boundary as proposed.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>[RD:16]</p>

BCE-82378	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>I agree with the commission's proposal to keep Whitnash as part of Warwick and Leamington constituency. I have lived in Whitnash for over 40 years and Leamington previously, and the areas are closely linked.</p> <p>The town of Whitnash is in the parish of St Margaret's, part of which is in the neighbouring Brunswick ward of Leamington Spa. The area known as South Sydenham is part of Whitnash ward while Sydenham itself is in Leamington.</p> <p>Secondary education for Whitnash children is provided in either Warwick or Leamington. Most local employment opportunities, public services (including hospital) and shopping facilities (including major supermarkets) are based in Warwick or Leamington and are accessible by local public transport.</p> <p>All of the above supports keeping Whitnash as an integral part of the Warwick and Leamington constituency.</p>
BCE-82436	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>I do not support the Boundary Commission's proposal to move Budbrooke into Kenilworth & Southam.</p> <p>We live in the parish of Barford JPC, part of Budbrooke, and our lives revolve around Leamington and Warwick. We have very good road links into both Warwick (A429) and Leamington (via Barford and Europa Way).</p> <p>I do my shopping in Leamington town centre, and while there is a Sainsbury's in Wellesbourne for top-up shops, I tend to use either the Sainsbury's in Leamington or Tesco in Warwick for main shops. Our nearest main shopping centre is The Priors in Leamington.</p> <p>I am an active tennis member of Warwick Boat Club and play golf and am Competition Secretary at Leamington & County in Whitnash, within Warwick and Leamington.</p> <p>Both children were schooled in Warwick and when we go out for a meal or a pub visit it is to Warwick or Leamington we head. The nearest cinema for us is in Leamington.</p> <p>The overall picture is one of strong cultural and geographical ties to Leamington and to Warwick, which are much more limited in respect of Kenilworth and Southam.</p> <p>On this basis I support the idea of as much of Budbrooke as possible as allowed by the number of electors staying within Warwick and Leamington, which would mean Barford, Budbrooke and Norton Lindsey staying in Warwick and Leamington.</p>
BCE-82439	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>I am nearly 79, lived in Warwick until the age of 24, moved to Barford on marriage for 32 years then returned to reside in Warwick for the past 22 years. Throughout my time in Barford, all essential services - eg. medical, pharmacy, library, supermarket, sports and social activities - were sought in Warwick as our nearest town. Our children only attended the village school until the age of 8 years and had then to transfer to Middle School and Secondary School in Warwick. As far as I am concerned Barford is a 'suburb' of Warwick and has no significant automatic links to Kenilworth and Southam, so to lump it and the surrounding villages into the latter named constituency is illogical.</p> <p>Current housing development around Warwick and Leamington is based on flawed figures used for the Local Plan, including providing overspill housing for Coventry which, it is now admitted, is no longer required, so to argue that this development will skew the electoral figures in future is not a strong basis for changing the status quo. Also the very significant number of students from Warwick University living in Leamington are only here for part of the year, contribute nothing to the local authority funds and traditionally decline to vote, so are hardly likely to affect voting figures either.</p> <p>I feel very strongly that Warwick and Leamington constituency should remain as it is, as support for the two main political parties is pretty evenly balanced and ensures that people exercise their right to vote at national and local elections. To change things could upset the voter balance of both constituencies and engender an attitude of 'why bother if we can't change the outcome' in the voting public.</p> <p>Please reconsider your decision.</p>
BCE-82508	Member of the public	Barford	<p>Barford has very little in common with Kenilworth and Southam. It makes no sense to try and force a fit where there is no appetite or common ground for one.</p> <p>Work commute is usually to Warwick or Leamington. Traffic congestion when going to Kenilworth is a major problem and is avoided when possible.</p> <p>Barford residents shop in Warwick or Leamington and do not use Kenilworth or Southam. The environment also benefits from unnecessary commutes.</p>

BCE-82557	Member of the public	Barford	<p>Barford has nothing in common with Kenilworth or Southam. I can not remember the last time I travelled to either Kenilworth or Southam.</p> <p>Any services we require such as shopping, car repair, dentist, doctor etc are either in Warwick or Leamington. Southam is too far away and Kenilworth is not the easiest of places to access due to traffic congestion.</p> <p>We would only use Warwick or Leamington to go out to a restaurant or pub. Kenilworth is never an option and Southam is simply too far away and its restaurants are limited.</p>
BCE-82564	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>We have hosted a number of charity events in Warwick over recent years to combat social isolation. Those attending have included people who live in Budbrooke and Barford. They feel that they are part of the wider Warwick Community and I feel that it would lead to them feeling more isolated if they were "cut off" from Warwick.</p>
BCE-82604	Local councillor or other	Warwick	<p>Residents in Barford tend to use GP surgeries and dental practices in Warwick or Bishop's Tachbrook; local hospital is in Warwick;</p> <p>Work commute is either to Warwick & Leamington or further afield, not to Kenilworth & Southam;</p> <p>The Barford Joint Parish Council area has always been part of Warwick and Leamington and the local newspaper is the Warwick Courier; Warwick and Leamington provide the main shopping centres;</p> <p>The Budbrooke Parish Council area has always been part of Warwick and Leamington. Children living there attend Budbrooke Primary School and are then expected to go to Aylesford School in Warwick. (In contrast, children in Hatton Green and the North part of Hatton Park attend Ferncumbie Primary School and are then expected to go to Henley-in-Arden School. This is in line with the official Warwickshire Education catchment areas);</p> <p>Residents in Norton Lindsey tend to use the library in Warwick. If they play hockey, they will tend to play for Warwick Hockey Club; if they play tennis, it will be at the Warwick Boat Club; residents are members of Leamington & County Golf Club based in Whitnash; gym facilities are in Warwick and Leamington;</p> <p>In all the above cases, residents have much more of a natural link to Warwick than they do to Kenilworth, let alone Southam and so it makes no sense to suggest these areas should be transferred from Warwick and Leamington;</p>
BCE-82854	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>I am a resident of the Warwick and Leamington constituency and I support the initial proposal from the Boundary Commission. As the two towns are contiguous, it is important they remain part of the same constituency. Leamington is also contiguous with Lillington so it is sensible for them to remain within the same constituency. Allocating the Budbrooke ward and the west of the Leek Wootton ward to the Kenilworth and Southam ensures that constituency is more consistently rural, while Warwick and Leamington is predominantly towns and suburbs. This will facilitate effective representation for constituents' differing needs.</p>
BCE-83401	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>I thank the boundaries commission for this opportunity to comment on the proposed new boundaries. I am pleased with the proposals. Leamington and Warwick have been in one constituency for many years -- since 1885, I think, so should clearly remain together. And outlying places should be included. So I am pleased to see that Bishop's Tachbrook is still in the constituency and places like Whitnash which although a separate town merges with Leamington Spa. The Leamington cemetery is very close to the boundary between the two towns and is well frequented by people from both towns.</p> <p>It is good to see Blackdown included as North Leamington School is within Blackdown and many pupils from Leamington attend the school. New Cubbington merges with Lillington so it is good to see its inclusion proposed within the constituency.</p>
BCE-83579	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>I broadly support the proposals. The most important thing is to keep Warwick, Leamington, Whitnash and Bishop's Tachbrook in the same constituency as they are closely tied. I grew up in both Warwick and Leamington. I went to primary school in Leamington and secondary school in Warwick. I have worked in both towns. My grandparents lived in Whitnash so have spent lots of time there too. Growing up I had a close friend in Bishop's Tachbrook and have visited the pub there a few times as is close to Whitnash. They are all effectively one place. It is a shame to lose some of the surrounding villages, but they do feel less connected to Warwick and Leamington. I've personally known very few people who live in those rural areas and rarely have reason to visit. It makes a lot of sense for North Leamington school to be included in the constituency as it's in Leamington and most people who attend would live in Warwick & Leamington constituency. It's much more closely connected with the secondary schools in Warwick & Leamington than elsewhere.</p>
BCE-83966	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>We live just outside Warwick and see Warwick as the town we live in and shop in. We have no association with Kenilworth or Southam. It appears that we are a narrow section just outside Warwick which is being used to join Kenilworth with Southam for a reason nothing to do with the residents that live there. I find it quite ridiculous and feel there will be no point in voting in future as potentially our MP will have nothing to do with where we live. Please leave us in Warwick!</p>
BCE-84381	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>Budbrooke and Barford should be kept as part of Warwick and Leamington. These villages are very closely connected to Warwick and residents will use services (e.g. health, education, leisure) in Warwick. Being part of Kenilworth and Southam will mean those residents are not properly represented by their local MP when it comes to decisions about critical services. At least Hatton is somewhat closer to Kenilworth so that could make more sense.</p>
BCE-84850	Member of the public	Warwick	<p>Do not understand the rationale behind this. I'm concerned that my voice that has been recognised will now be drowned. Also I'm definitely worried about decline in services as they'll now be spread across a wider area. Finally, "Warwick" is part of my address, so feels absolutely bizarre that Kenilworth and Southam will be my council - especially as Southam is miles away!</p>

WARWICK & LEAMINGTON CONSTITUENCY IN THE WEST MIDLANDS

As a part Mayor fo the town of Warwick I am wiring in support of the submission made by the Town Council regarding the planned changes to the Warwick & Leamingotn Constituency.

The Council, like many residents, is very concerned that the current proposal will produce a new constituency marooned within another constituency and has little acknowledgment of the physical, cultural, recreational, educational, and historical links that those small Parish Council areas adjacent to Warwick town have with this part of the Constituency. The Council believes and I support, council these established and long-standing settlements should be included in the new Constituency. Budbrook parish like Warwick itself was mentioned in the Domesday book long before Leamington came into being.

These villages identify with Warwick and should remain so, in allowing these villages to switch constituencies there would be a break in these historic and current connections which would have harm upon the culture and social aspect of the current boundary arrangement. The disparity will add to confusion within local politics which has reduced over recent years.

The current residents of Hampton-on-the-Hill, Hampton Magna, Norton Lindsey, Sherbourne, Barford and Wasperton all look to Warwick for their daily economic, educational, and recreational needs. By including these villages within the new Warwick & Leamington Constituency, the commision would remove the "donut" effect as the Constituency will run directly along the Stratford on Avon constituency border as it does now.

Comment ID	Type of respondent	City/Town	Comment
BCE-52237	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	When we moved to Radford Semele in 1983, we were part of the Leamington and Warwick constituency, the village is only separated from Leamington by a field and Leamington is where we shop, socialise and use the public facilities so why are we lumped in with Kenilworth, it makes no sense.
BCE-52753	Member of the public	Dunchurch	<p>I find it ludicrous that my MP is miles away from my village which is roughly 3 miles from the centre of Rugby but with the current idiotic trend for building unaffordable housing here will in effect be 15 metres from it and its thoroughly useless MP.</p> <p>I pay council tax to Rugby, all of my services are run from Rugby, my local council is Rugby and yet my MP serves an area that has zero influence or responsibility for my village.</p> <p>I can only imagine that this so called evening up of constituency areas has more to do with cementing a certain political party's position in the houses of commons rather than the needs and requirements of the people they purport to represent.</p>
BCE-54409	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>I disagree and totally oppose this so called boundary change and question it's whole raison d'etre.</p> <p>Radford Semele is a village that is closely tied to Leamington Spa, barely two miles away. Only a handful of fields maintain any open space between Radford and Leamington. People shop in Leamington and look to Leamington for culture and entertainment.</p> <p>Radford has few links with Southam and virtually none with Kenilworth.</p> <p>Continuing housing development is strengthening the links further. The village is part of Warwick District Council and local planning is tied in strongly to that of Warwick and Leamington.</p>
BCE-55830	Member of the public	Rugby	<p>The village really ought to be incorporated into the Warwick and Leamington constituency if at all possible.</p> <p>Your lines on the southern boundary in Rugby go through existing built -up areas that are logically connected to Rugby such as Cawston and Dunchurch. The map does not show the large amount of development around Bilton Road and Cawston.</p> <p>I'd suggest a line following the A45 / M45 as this will also pickup the large new development of Ashlawn Road, also attached to Rugby.</p> <p>On the Northwest of the boundary, Bulkington fits more logically with Nuneaton and Bedworth, so the M69 could serve as a boundary.</p> <p>With the addition of Dunchurch, Cawston and Ashlawn Road, this should compensate for the loss of Bulkington and ensure our neighbours in the same town are all served by the same MP.</p>
BCE-56454	Member of the public	Coventry	Silly to split the University of Warwick campus in two
BCE-56809	Member of the public	Southam	Rigged constituencies are clearly visible on the map. Rugby, Banbury Daventry Bicester all look natural a large town and its natural hinterland. Kenilworth is not large and has no connection to the southern part of the constituency from which it is distanced by two large towns either of which would be a natural centre for our area given that Banbury and Stratford are not available

BCE-57682	Member of the public	WARWICK	It is absurd that Cubbington is not part of the W and L constituency. Culturally, organisationally, geographically, it is a contiguous conurbation with Leamington/Lillington. Spend 5 minutes driving from Leamington centre through Lillington into Cubbington. It is part of Leamington.
BCE-57683	Member of the public	WARWICK	Radford Semele is a suburb of Leamington. Not of Southam. If its inhabitants were to 'go into town', they would be speaking about Leamington, half a mile away. All cultural social and community links derive from Leamington. Cutting up constituencies for the sake of equalising populations is utterly misguided.
BCE-58520	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>The proposed boundaries split Cubbington into two: the area previously known as New Cubbington is included in Warwick and Leamington and Cubbington village is in Kenilworth and Southam.</p> <p>Up until the last boundary change Cubbington village was in the the Warwick and Leamington constituency and has far more connections with that constituency than Kenilworth and Southam.</p> <p>Those of us that live in Cubbington village consider ourselves part of Warwick and Leamington, not Kenilworth and Southam. Most of the amenities we access and use are in Warwick and Leamington e.g. doctors, hospital, dentists, secondary schools etc. and the majority that work commute to Warwick and Leamington.</p> <p>We need to be able to contact an MP that represents our interests, which is Warwick and Leamington.</p>
BCE-58693	Member of the public	Warwick	We were in the Leamington and Warwick constituency, but have been moved to Kenilworth and Southam, we have nothing in common with those places, and our votes are lost in a safe conservative constituency. Leamington changes hands regularly, thus our votes can influence matters making it more relevant to us. We shop in Warwick or Leamington, and in the thirty years I have lived here, I have hardly been to Southam, which is more attached to Rugby than kenilworth. Also the parliamentary boundaries do not coincide with the local authority boundary. Southam is in Stratford (!) we are in Warwick district. This confusing!
BCE-58938	Local councillor or other elector	Oxon	Shotteswell was previously in Stratford upon Avon constituency. Weâ€™ve no idea why we got saddled with kenilworth as we have nothing in common with them. We were told that we would go back to Stratford and now youâ€™ve welched on that promise. We come under their district council . Kenilworth is the other side of Leamington. Weâ€™d prefer to come under Stratford with whom we have some form of relationship and things in common
BCE-59240	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>The proposal of including Cubbington in Kenilworth and Southam is not logical. You are proposing New Cubbington is in the Leamington and Warwick boundary, which is ridiculous considering how close they are together. Leamington is closer to Cubbington 3 miles. Kenilworth is 4.9 miles. My postal address does not read Kenilworth, it reads Leamington Spa.</p>

BCE-59273	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>My postcode is CV32 - Leamington.</p> <p>I shop mostly in Leamington and Warwick.</p> <p>I worked the majority of my working life in Leamington.</p> <p>My relatives live in Leamington and Warwick.</p> <p>My GP is in Leamington and has always been.</p> <p>Both my children went to school in Leamington.</p> <p>I can walk to Leamington in 30 mins. I definitely could not walk to Kenilworth or Southam in that time.</p> <p>This makes no sense. This proposed change does not represent me.</p>
BCE-59337	Member of the public	Leamington spa	<p>I would oppose the move to Kenilworth and southam constituency. Our postal address is leamington therefore we should be within Leamington and Warwick District like those deemed to be in "New cubbington".</p>
BCE-59637	Member of the public	Wellesbourne	<p>Both Kenilworth and Southam are both too far from Wellesbourne to have a meaningful connection - naturally Wellesbourne has closer ties to Stratford Upon Avon.</p>
BCE-59913	Member of the public	W	<p>Local all my life, hospital, doctor, dentist, schooling for myself and my children, shopping, public transport, bin collections, all on my doorstep why would I want to have controls moved out of backyard, absolute nonsense idea.</p>
BCE-60718	Member of the public	Solihull	<p>Our address says that we are in knowle (post office website) but actually we are in kenilworth for politics and Warwick for council tax and bin lorries etc.</p> <p>The fact we are in different boundaries for different things is rather strange. Can we just be in one place please</p>
BCE-61429	Member of the public	Rugby	<p>To move [RD:8] to the general Rugby constituency rather than Southam and Kenilworth.</p>
BCE-61437	Member of the public	Rugby	<p>My property has been placed in the Kenilworth and south and area and yet I assume my council with still be classed as rugby</p> <p>When I vote I want to reflect my views based on my council</p> <p>My MP will have nothing to do or say with the area I live in or pay council tax to</p> <p>Move the boundary to the A45</p>
BCE-61451	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>Kenilworth Road should be within the Leamington and Warwick constituency for all boundaries, not Kenilworth and Southam. We have strong community ties with Leamington Spa and none with Kenilworth or Southam.</p>
BCE-62741	Member of the public	Kineton	<p>We used to be in the Stratford-upon-Avon constituency and have much more to do with Stratford. We never go to Kenilworth. The motorway is a barrier and would be a good dividing line. We would all like to be back in the Stratford ward- as we are for the District Council.</p>
BCE-66742	Member of the public	Coventry	<p>I fully endorse the change projected for Warwick/Leamington and Kenilworth/Southam i.e. the transfer of Budbrooke from the former to the latter.</p>

BCE-67467	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>Offchurch is a popular satellite village of Leamington. The residents identify as being part of the larger and wider Leamington community and countless numbers of people from Leamington enjoy walks to and around this neighbouring village.</p> <p>This is the case to the extent that residents of Offchurch feel they have a stake in local politics and decisions in Leamington and identify with it as an intimate part of their local geographic identity. Similarly, those from Leamington who come to Offchurch see it as part of their wider area, itâ€™s amenities and activities as available to them as they are to the villagers.</p> <p>Residents of Offchurch have been touched by the activism and support shown by friends from Leamington in recent upsets and campaigns with regard to HS2, the removal of hedgerows and the felling of ancient ancient oaks.</p> <p>The paths and lanes in the countryside around Leamington are the back garden of the town. The town is the nerve centre and star around which Off hutch and other villages orbit. Our lives are each otherâ€™s, our bonds are close and our territories are linked. In short, our interests are both aligned and intertwined. They should be represented with a single voice.</p>
BCE-67799	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	<p>I believe that the boundary proposed dissects Kenilworth Road[RD:23] I will have a different MP to my neighbours on the opposite side of the road.</p> <p>It is my understanding that this arrangement means that the existing Parish of Cubbington which includes New Cubbington, straddles the proposed boundary line. Please refer your map.</p> <p>The residents of the Parish end up with twice as many MP's, two County Councillors and four District Councillors and just the one Parish Council. A surfeit of bureaucracy leads to the delivery of conflicting information.</p> <p>We are on the edge of a large rural constituency area and we see little of the incumbent Member of Parliament in the district despite us being on the route of HS2. Please reconsider your proposal.</p>

BCE-69103	Member of the public	Leamington Spa	I live in Cubbington and feel strongly that Cubbington should be part of the Warwick and Leamington Constituency and not Kenilworth and Southam. We are more aligned with Leamington and most residents will affiliate with Leamington rather than Kenilworth or Southam and the majority of children will attend secondary school in Leamington. We are geographically closer to Leamington than either Kenilworth or Southam. It would be far more logical that Cubbington is part of the Warwick and Leamington Constituency and I want to see this change. I do not feel part of the community of Kenilworth or Southam but do feel part of the community of Leamington and think our political system should reflect this. I want to make a vote that I feel can impact on the area in which I live and currently do not feel this boundary is correctly set.
BCE-69864	Member of the public	Lincoln	Multiple residences constructed by the University of Warwick to accomodate it's expanding student base are now split across two consistencies. The Boundary should be updated to include all university accommodations into the Coventry South constituency.
BCE-73215	Member of the public	Warwick	Wellesbourne relates to Stratford and has nothing in common with Kenilworth or Southam. It should be transferred back to the Stratford on Avon Constituency, as it used to be.
BCE-73609	Member of the public	Coventry	As a University of Warwick student, it would be hugely useful to have all of campus within one constituency, f.ex. in Cov South, because otherwise it gets confusing which campus accommodation building falls under what constituency. As it stands right now, campus is divided roughly in half and people aren't sure which MP they're represented by.
BCE-74131	Member of the public	Kenilworth	I support the proposal for the changes to the Kenilworth & Southam constituency. I think it important the constituencies align with the community boundaries that people naturally recognise. I know this is often hard to achieve within the constraints imposed but for this constituency I think it has been achieved and the solution offered is better than alternatives which have been floated in the past.
BCE-78946	Member of the public	Southam	The link between Kenilworth and Southam in the current and proposed constituency is very weak. It has little historic tie as either a geographic / cultural link or a constituency (having only existed since 2010, as a way to give Warwickshire a new constituency).
BCE-81342	Member of the public	Warwick	A better proposal would be to put the towns of West Warwickshire together with Kenilworth (in the West Midlands conurbation 'hinterland'), so that the south of the county then stays with Stratford-upon-Avon. I think that the north western corner of Kenilworth and Southam CC should in fact be within the Warwick and Leamington CC as it used to be years ago.
BCE-81599	Member of the public	Kenilworth	I have studied the proposed changes to the Kenilworth and Southam Constituency and support them. They are consistent with maintaining the largely rural nature of the constituency. They also allow neighbouring constituencies in Warwick and Leamington and Coventry to retain their more urban character too.

BCE-83100

Member of the public

Coventry

I wish to support the BCE's Initial Proposals for the sub-region of Coventry and Warwickshire (9 seats). BCE propose minimal changes to this sub-region, confining themselves to some transfers of whole wards - such as Budbrooke to the Kenilworth and Southam seat - and the incorporation into the Warwick and Leamington seat of the whole of the recently-revised wards of Leamington Lillington and Leamington Milverton. This is an appropriate way of bringing each parliamentary seat within the permitted electorate numbers while adjusting to local government boundary changes.

Though Section 47 of the BCE's proposals also discusses "an alternative arrangement" which might theoretically produce a set of constituencies more conformable with "their" local authority boundaries, the unavoidable consequences of such an exercise, like the breaking of local ties and the split-up of wards, make this an alternative which creates many more problems than it solves.