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Response on behalf of Avon Dassett PC It is not clear to us the detailed basis on which the Boundary Commission is suggesting an increase in the number of Councillors to 41 and the justification. We are particularly concerned about the proposed timing for implementation when viewed against other policies. We are aware that at a national level the Government is promoting the creation of Unitary authorities based on greater economy, effectiveness and efficiency. More locally, there seems to be an acceptance that authorities in Warwickshire will combine and that there will be one or two Unitary authorities created to take over the work of the County Council and District Councils. There are two consultants reports on the table, one supporting a single Unitary authority and the other supporting the creation of two; one for South Warwickshire and one for North Warwickshire. However, both proposals show a significantly lower number of councillors. The timing of the Boundary Commissions proposals to increase the number of councillors seems at odds with local policy making and the intention to move to a unitary system with a reduced number of councillors. We accept that there is no certainty that Warwickshire will have created one or more Unitary authorities by 2023 but it is likely that plans will at least have been agreed by then. This makes the proposed increase in the number of Councillors difficult to understand at a time when there is a conflicting drive to reduce numbers. Therefore, we suggest that no action should be taken to increase the number of Councillors in response to the Boundary Commissions suggestions.

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