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Dear Sir,

I would like to make a submission on how ward boundaries should be in South Staffordshire District Council.

I have been the District Councillor for Himley and Swindon since 2007, during this time the two villages have integrated well together, with Himley children attending the Swindon school and the Parish Council and other groups using the Swindon Community Centre. The two Churches are also combined with a joint Vicar and the PCC have joint meetings, arrangements that work well.

Furthermore, I have seen a small increase in the population in Swindon¹ but there has been a large increase in the population of Himley² resulting in an electorate of 2043³. With the limited development proposed during the next Local Plan review the figure of 2043 meets the average electorate for a council of 40 members.

So could I please propose the ward of Himley and Swindon with one councillor meets the criteria and is best left as is.

¹ Rural exception site 14 homes, redevelopment of a public house 14 homes and limited infill.

² New housing development Baggeridge Village 200 homes

³ Himley and Swindon

BMA Gospel End	627	
BLA Himley	323	
CAN Hinksford	246	
CMA Swindon	<u>847</u>	
Total		2043 = 1 councillor
4. Overall electorate:	2021 84,378 - 2027	87,472

Yours

[Redacted Signature]

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