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I attach the submission of Hatherton Parish Council relating to the review of the ward boundaries for South Staffordshire Council.

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BY HATHERTON PARISH

By way of introduction Hatherton Parish covers the communities of Hatherton, Calf Heath and Four Crosses which are very small settlements spread across a mainly rural area.

The Parish itself is bisected by the old Roman road known as Watling Street, now the A5, and it extends from Shoal Hill in the northeast to Four Ashes in the southwest. The village of Hatherton lies on the southern slope of Shoal Hill, which is a popular resort with surrounding areas.

The Parish Council is of the view that the Parishes of Saredon and Shareshill would be a far more practicable match for Hatherton Parish despite the fact that this proposal may not exactly fit the criteria.

Hatherton Parish Council and Saredon Parish Council already work together on a number of projects, particularly environmental improvement projects because we are more comfortable being linked to similar sized rural parishes where our issues are fundamentally of the same nature and give us a common ground to work from.

The three Parishes have very similar interests and values and have recently conducted the joint initiative of fly tipping as an example. The Parish Council envisages that it is in all our best interests to continue with such joint ventures in the future. Those issues include countryside crime, speeding in country lanes, along with HGV drivers completely ignoring weight restrictions. The sharing of equipment and other resources is also a consideration for the future.

Hatherton Parish Council is of the firm opinion that these goals would be far more easily achievable if our parishes were linked within the same ward, which in turn would be supported by an active and driven District Councillor who sees our localities as a priority.

The Parish Council is aware that Hatherton Parish will be largely unaffected by the proposed changes, however, it still wishes to take this opportunity to register the fact that the present arrangement is not considered to be the optimum choice for Hatherton Parish whereas the scenario set out above would be.

Hatherton Parish Council
30th July, 2021

