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[REDACTED] SDC went through this process some years back - with Boundary Commission i presume?? that process reduced the no of councillors from the 50's down to 36 and ended the 2 councillor wards. you want to have 5 more councillors now - who is wasting energy and resources on this process? Equalisation would be a good thing and i presume this was attempted in the last review. I also understand that there has been considerable building in parts of the district that may have upset the balance - But is that extra development equal to 5 new councillors? at a time when the SDC staff no.s and finances are cut, surely this is not a time to increase the elected members at the cost of more expenditure for members expenses. (this is not a view from an employee/union side but logical restraint across member and staff costs, already tackled in previous review) I note the attached map, without counting 36 or 41 wards on it i am unsure if it represents the existing structure or possible future ward structure. Being from Shipston, we previously had a 2 councillor ward for the town, which is now split to 1/2 of town each and surrounding villages. This 1/2 of town is not representative in Shipston and is just divvying up streets almost at random down odd roads - it cannot be explained to the public why this is. - maybe something simpler dividing the town with its geographic layout would be better (such as currently there being a boundary along New Street where there is a lot of the town to the West, but just 1 line of houses with their back to the river in Shipston North the river is a firmer / more natural barrier and to use a main/ arterial road does not make sense with residents on different sides of the road having a different councillor. There are no administrative boundaries within the town, such as parish wards. The 13 Shipston Town councillors being elected for the whole parish representation. This does mean there is nothing tangible within the town to model a split for district councillors on hope this helps it looks like the Shipston South boundary is the river/ Shipston parish boundary. This does mean parishes just a mile or so out of town and closer for shopping and road use are in a separate ward, based around another village centre many miles away.

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