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Please find attached Shrewsbury Town Council's comments regarding the proposed Boundary Review of Shropshire Council. This is quite important to us as all of our wards are co-terminus with Shropshire Council's. We have had discussions with colleagues at Shropshire Council and there is much commonality of thought.

Should you require any further clarity please do let me know.

Regards

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## **Shrewsbury Town Council Submission to the Boundary Commission in relation to the Divisional Boundaries of Shropshire Council**

Shrewsbury Town Council was established in 2009 at the same time as the Shropshire Unitary Council. Boundaries of both Unitary & Town Council have been co-terminus since that time and we have enjoyed single hatted as well as dual hatted members working in harmony with clear boundaries based upon community cohesion. Shrewsbury has a number of defined community centres that provide service delivery at a micro scale whilst the town as a whole works at a macro scale providing service for town residents, neighbouring parish residents and those from a much wider hinterland not just in Shropshire but as far as Aberystwyth in the west and Wolverhampton in the east.

Over the last 13 years the development boundary has extended beyond the administrative boundary of the Parish of Shrewsbury and the need to provide community infrastructure poses a challenge to the town council and can raise conflict with neighbouring parish councils.

The A5 to the south and west, the A49 and River Severn to the east and the proposed relief road and defined limits of the Shrewsbury West Urban Extension forms a natural boundary for Shrewsbury, thereby accommodating all proposed future development allocations within the Shropshire Local Plan. The proposed boundary also aligns with the aspirations of the Shrewsbury Big Town Plan and in particular the evolving Movement Strategy in developing holistic development sites and urban extensions, clearly defined and connected green space and a sense of identity and civic pride for the area.

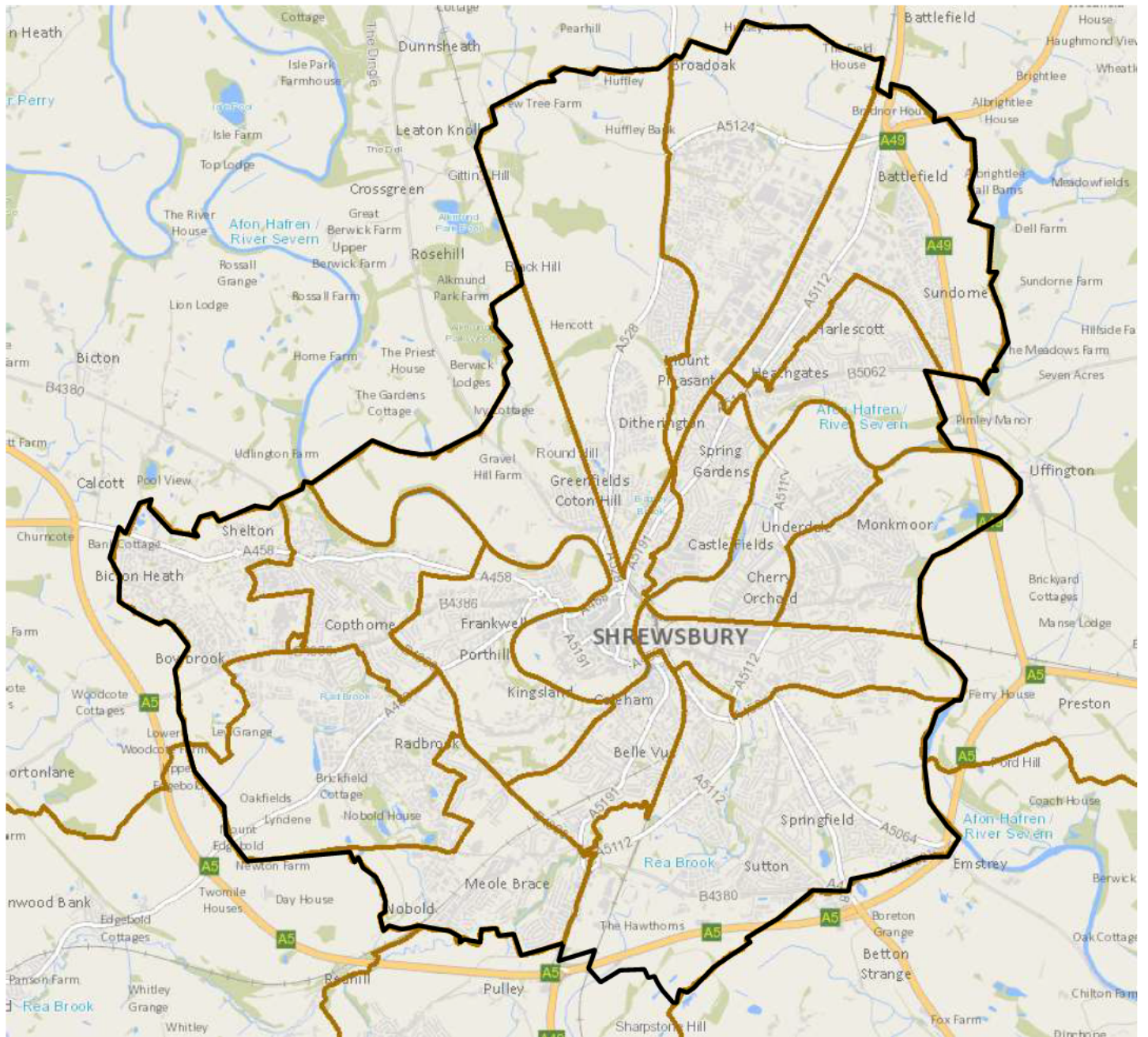
The Town Council is firmly of the view that Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council boundaries need to remain aligned establishing 17 separate member divisions for the unitary authority, allowing Bayston Hill to keep autonomy from Shrewsbury as a very cohesive and distinct community.

The benefits the Town Council sees to this approach are the following:

- Enhancements to community cohesion, ironing out those existing anomalies from the original boundary review
- Establishment of very clear development boundaries for the town
- Assurance that any currently proposed and future urban extensions of Shrewsbury become integrated into the authority providing their services rather than very urban parts of extremely rural parishes
- A very clear understanding of responsibility for community infrastructure, which allows for capital CIL/ S106 money and revenue from Council Tax precept assigned to the authority responsible for that infrastructure
- Removal of any confusion for electors at both Unitary & Town Council as to candidatures and voting during elections, who to seek representation and advice from which authority/member to create a sense of identity with.

We are aware of Shropshire Council's proposals and have communicated the above as a sensible approach. Additionally we have requested that Shropshire Council proceeds to undertake a Community Governance Review on our boundaries as outlined above.

## Existing Shrewsbury Town Council External Boundary





## Proposed New Shrewsbury Town Council External Boundary

