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Local Government Boundary Commission for England, Derbyshire review

Sir,

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England are currently carrying out a review of the electoral divisions within Derbyshire

I am a resident of the parish of Barrow on Trent, in the Aston Ward, of South Derbyshire District Council, my comments are restricted therefore to South Derbyshire District Council

Throughout Derbyshire the average number of residents represented per councillor should be about 10,500

There have been and will be before 2029 significant changes in the population distribution within South Derbyshire District Council, resulting in an overprovision of councillors for the urban area of Swadlincote and too few Councillors for the large north-eastern wards of the District, Aston and the Ward of Repton and Etwall.

Each of these wards are predicted to have populations of 15,000 by the 2029.

This is consequent on significant building within South Derbyshire District Council but adjacent to Unitary Authority of Derby City, to create the Derby Infinity Garden Village and other developments on the Derby Fringe

South Derbyshire District Council is predominantly an agricultural area encompassing the valley of the river Trent with associated concerns about flooding particular in those parishes within the floodplain. Parishes contiguous the city of Derby do not wish to be swallowed by the Unitary Authority

The south of the District has an economic heritage based on the coal industry

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In terms of employment Toyota have a major car plant within the ward of Repton and Etwall, there is a proposed major industrial site as part of the Infinity site within South Derbyshire and the proposed East Midlands Airport Freeport will be situated in Leicestershire contiguous to the South Derbyshire District Council border

A recent review of the Parliamentary Constituencies in the area suggested that the Ward of Aston be added to a Parliamentary Constituency of the city of Derby. Happily, this was prevented by local action.

The residents of South Derbyshire are keen to maintain the current integrity of the District Council, not least because in the main they are opposed to the suggested East Midlands Combined Authority together with an elected mayor

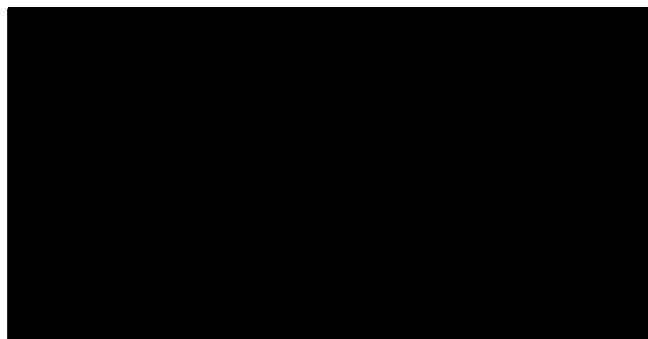
I therefore believe it is important that the Wards adjacent to the city of Derby are adequately represented by Local District Councillors

To achieve this end it would seem sensible to combine the three wards of Swadlincote (where little growth is indicated in the near future) and reduce them to two wards with one councillor each

The released councillor could then be transferred to the north-eastern wards of South Derbyshire District Council

I believe this could best be achieved by extending the western border of Aston Ward to include the village of Findern by moving the western border of the Ward south to the line of the A 50 road, a clear demarcation, to the roundabout with the A 38 and turning the western border upwards along the A 38 to meet the current edge of the District

The Ward of Repton and Etwall would be slightly reduced in size and Aston Ward could then be divided into two distinct Wards, achieving a more balanced representation across the entire District and an increase of Councillors on the fringe of the city of Derby more able to represent the views of the residents of South Derbyshire District Council in any future negotiations regarding increasing size of Derby City Unitary Authority and also in discussions regarding the establishment of an East Midlands Combined Authority



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