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RESPONSE TO BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW OF WARDING FOR SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

BY SAREDON PARISH COUNCIL

By way of introduction Saredon Parish Council covers the communities of Great and Little Saredon, Wedges Mills and the much smaller settlements spread across a mainly rural area to the north of Cheslyn Hay but also extends south along its western boundary. Saredon is on the boundary of Shareshill Parish which is in the Featherstone and Shareshill Ward.

Saredon Parish is included in the entry in the Domesday Book as "The Saredons" under the historic entry for the Parish of Shareshill. In fact, Saredon Parish was always part of the Shareshill Ward along with that of Hatherton Parish up until the last Boundary Review in 2003 when it was moved into Cheslyn Hay. Saredon Parish Council has always regarded this as a mistake as there has always been a very strong connection between Saredon and Shareshill.

By way of evidence, Shareshill Parish Church, St Mary and St Luke's, includes Saredon within its PCC Parish Boundary and the local Church Primary School "Havergal" receives pupils from Saredon Parish.

The only shop in the locality is the Shareshill Community Shop and Post Office and many of its stakeholders and customers live in the neighbouring Parish of Saredon.

At the present time many Saredon resident enquiries are initially referred to Shareshill Councillors, some via the Community Shop to then be referred to the present Ward Councillors in Cheslyn Hay.

In conclusion we feel Saredon Parish should be in a ward with similar parishes, being currently involved in a joint venture on the issues of fly tipping with Hatherton Parish and future common aims of contending with speeding in lanes, HGV drivers completely ignoring weight restrictions and the sharing of resources and equipment. These aspirations could more easily be achieved if we were in an amalgamated ward with Hatherton and Shareshill, supported by an active and driven district councillor who sees the rural parishes as a priority. Saredon Parish is aware that meeting the criteria of electoral numbers is an issue but as we have strong and long established link with Shareshill to join them in an amalgamation with Featherstone would be more acceptable than the current arrangement.

Saredon Parish Council
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