

Stratford On Avon Liberal Democrats

Proposed Stratford On Avon Ward Pattern

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1 Introduction

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (the “Commission”) is currently reviewing the ward boundaries of the Stratford On Avon district (the “District”). The Commission is asking local people and organisations for their help to draw up new ward boundaries across the District, where it is minded to increase the number of wards from 36 to 41. The consultation closes on 18th June 2021.

This report proposes a boundary pattern for the entire District including 41 wards.

2 Method

With a minded to position of moving from 36 to 41 wards, the whole district needs to be completely reviewed as it is not feasible to make boundary adjustments to the existing wards. With the number of wards increasing, the average ward size is likely to get smaller in area overall. The following method has been used:

- The Stratford On Avon District Council (the “District Council”) electorate estimations for 2027 has been mapped to the polling boundaries using a geographical information system (“GIS”) and the Ordnance Survey (“OS”) boundary line product.
- Using the District Council electorate information, an ideal ward size by population was defined (being 2,799).
- Proposed wards have been defined using parish boundaries wherever possible.
- Large settlements/parishes were looked at first to define how many ward councillors should represent them. Where appropriate, smaller neighbouring parishes have been added to the large settlement parishes in order to reach a multiple close to the ideal ward population.
- Following this, the other parishes were grouped in terms of population and geographical proximity in order to form a ward(s) with a total electorate as close to the ideal ward electorate or multiple of as possible.
- Though sub parish information is limited, the areas defined with multiple wards have been split into individual wards using reasoned judgement, though it has not been possible to work out exact electorate numbers. It is expected that the Commission would be able to better refine what is proposed in this report.

3 Proposed New Ward Groups

The table below sets out the proposed new ward groups. These ward groups are mapped in **Appendix A**. With the exception of Stratford, it would be possible for multiple member wards to operate where there a more than one seat if required though the preference is for single councillor wards.

Name	No Parishes	2027 Electorate	Seats	Ave per Seat	Deviation
Alcester	2	5,426.25	2	2,713.13	-3%
Alderminster and Moreton	8	2,662.94	1	2,662.94	-5%
Bidford	1	5,653.66	2	2,826.83	1%
Bishops Itchington	7	2,567.07	1	2,567.07	-8%
Brailes and Compton	10	2,876.13	1	2,876.13	3%
Claverdon and Snitterfield	4	2,971.99	1	2,971.99	6%
Dasset	6	2,703.56	1	2,703.56	-3%
Gaydon Lighthorne Heath	5	2,589.13	1	2,589.13	-8%
Harbury	3	2,821.90	1	2,821.90	1%
Henley in Arden	2	2,712.56	1	2,712.56	-3%
Kineton	3	2,568.05	1	2,568.05	-8%
Kinwarton and Wilmcote	4	3,046.67	1	3,046.67	9%
Long Marston	2	2,560.92	1	2,560.92	-9%
Quinton	6	2,615.98	1	2,615.98	-7%
Salford Priors and Alcester Rural	7	2,550.99	1	2,550.99	-9%
Shipston	4	5,146.34	2	2,573.17	-8%
Southam and Long Itchington	2	9,432.64	3	3,144.21	12%
Stockton and Napton	5	2,932.23	1	2,932.23	5%
Stratford	1	25,791.77	9	2,865.75	2%
Studley and Sambourne	2	5,407.07	2	2,703.53	-3%
Tanworth	1	2,748.59	1	2,748.59	-2%
Treddington	3	2,657.95	1	2,657.95	-5%
Tysoe	11	2,809.53	1	2,809.53	0%
Welford	5	2,630.39	1	2,630.39	-6%
Wellesbourne	1	6,116.23	2	3,058.12	9%
Wooton Wawen	8	2,776.26	1	2,776.26	-1%

4 Details of Proposed Wards

This section details every ward proposed. An overview map is included as **Appendix B**. The GIS files used to generate the overview map is included as **Appendix C**.

Ward 1	
Potential Name	Tanworth
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,749
Deviation from Idea	-2%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanworth-in-Arden
Rationale	Is a single parish and is an existing District ward. No change needed. This preserves this community with dedicated representation.

Ward 2	
Potential Name	Henley
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,713
Deviation from Idea	-3%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henley-in-Arden • Beaudesert
Rationale	The modern town of Henley-in-Arden is split across these two parishes. This proposed ward preserves the effective community of Henley-in-Arden with a dedicated representative.

Ward 3	
Potential Name	Studley South and Sambourne
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samborne • Part of Studley
Rationale	Studley is too large to be represented by just one ward but too small to be represented by two. Adding the neighbouring parish of Sambourne to Studley reaches the electorate size for two wards. This ward would be formed by the southern part of Studley and the whole of the Sambourne parish. This preserves the communities of both Studley and Smabourne with dedicated representation.

Ward 4	
Potential Name	Studley North
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of Studley.
Rationale	The balance of the Studley electorate not included in the Studley South and Sambourne ward would form as near as equally sized ward, Studley North. This preserves the community of Studley with dedicated representation.

Ward 5	
Potential Name	Wootton Wawen
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,776
Deviation from Idea	-1%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langley • Mappleborough Green • Morton Bagot • Oldberrow • Preston Bagot • Spennall • Ullenhall • Wootton Wawen
Rationale	This ward represents the collective rural communities located between Henley-in-Arden and Studley.

Ward 6	
Potential Name	Claverdon and Snitterfield
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,972
Deviation from Idea	6%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearley • Claverdon • Snitterfield • Wolverton
Rationale	This ward covers the rural area to the north of Stratford-upon-Avon, where the electorate is principally located in the larger villages of Claverdon and Snitterfield.

Ward 7	
Potential Name	Alcester West
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,774
Deviation from Idea	-5%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of Alcester
Rationale	Alcester is too large to be represented by just one ward but just too small to be represented by two. Though the majority of the electorate in the parish of Kinwarton are effectively part of the town of Alcester, adding this parish to Alcester results in an electorate which is too big for two wards but not big enough for three. If the nearby parish of Coughton is added to Alcester, you get the right electorate size for two wards and you are able to largely preserve the community of Alcester with dedicated representation. This is the western part of this two ward solution and is formed of part of the Alcester parish. The Alcester parish is divided using the river Arrow.

Ward 8	
Potential Name	Alcester East
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,653
Deviation from Idea	-5%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coughton • Part of Alcester
Rationale	This contains the balance of the Alcester parish not included in Alcester West plus the whole of the Coughton parish to ensure this community is preserved. The Alcester parish is divided using the river Arrow. This approach to Alcester largely allows for this community to be preserved with dedicated representation.

Ward 9	
Potential Name	Kinwarton and Wilmcote
2027 Forecast Electorate	3047
Deviation from Idea	9%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aston Cantlow • Great Alne • Kinwarton • Wilmcote
Rationale	Though the numbers don't allow Kinwarton to be included with Alcester, it is possible to group this parish with the three larger villages between Kinwarton and the north of Stratford, forming a largely rural ward with these communities.

Ward 10	
Potential Name	Salford Priors and Alcester Rural
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,551
Deviation from Idea	-9%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrow with Weethley • Billesley • Exhall • Haselor • Salford Priors • Temple Grafton • Wixford
Rationale	This is a rural ward made of up of the communities surrounding and between Alcester and Bidford, all close to the A46.

Ward 11	
Potential Name	Bidford West
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of Bidford-on-Avon
Rationale	The parish of Bidford is now large enough to be represented by two dedicated councillors. This will help to preserve this community. This proposed ward represents the western part of the village and the nearby village of Broom. The boundary should be balanced to ensure near equal electorate distribution between this ward and the proposed Bidford East ward.

Ward 12	
Potential Name	Bidford East
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of Bidford-on-Avon
Rationale	The parish of Bidford is now large enough to be represented by two dedicated councillors. This will help to preserve this community. This proposed ward represents the eastern part of the village and the nearby village of Barton. The boundary should be balanced to ensure near equal electorate distribution between this ward and the proposed Bidford West ward.

Ward 13	
Potential Name	Welford
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,630
Deviation from Idea	-6%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Binton Dorsington Luddington Welford-on-Avon Weston-on-Avon
Rationale	This is a rural ward but it is principally centred on the larger village of Welford-on-Avon but including the smaller villages immediately surrounding it.

Ward 14	
Potential Name	Hathaway
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of Stratford-upon-Avon
Rationale	One of the nine wards proposed for Stratford, this is an adjustment of the existing ward to enable better balancing of the electorate within the town wards. Part of the existing ward is moved to the Shottery ward, who have lost part of Luddington which was previously included with it. Part of the existing Bishopton ward is transferred into this Hathaway Ward. A new school and facilities are proposed as part of new development to the west of the current built up area which should help with developing this community.

Ward 15	
Potential Name	Bishopton
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of Stratford-upon-Avon
Rationale	With development of a large estate between the existing built up boundary and the A46, the existing ward needs to reduce in size. Part of the current ward would be transferred to the Hathaway ward. The existing community facilities within the ward would be retained to ensure the community is preserved as far as possible. This includes the community centre and the local primary school.

Ward 16	
Potential Name	Avenue
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,708
Deviation from Idea	-3%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of Stratford-upon-Avon
Rationale	As the existing ward is near to the ideal ward size, it is proposed that the existing ward boundary is preserved.

Ward 17	
Potential Name	Clopton
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of Stratford-upon-Avon
Rationale	This existing ward electorate is significantly smaller than ideal. The ward has been principally expanded by taking in part of the existing Guildhall ward residential population around the college. However, parts of the ward have also been ceded to to the Welcombe ward to ensure that this ward can reach an appropriate electorate size. Further adjustments can be made to this ward to adjust the electorate if needed.

Ward 18	
Potential Name	Shottery
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of Stratford-upon-Avon
Rationale	It is proposed that the part of the Luddington Parish which is included in the current ward is removed. This will be re-united with the rest of the parish and included in the Welford Ward. To balance this, sections of adjacent current Hathaway and Guildhall ward will be added to what is the currently the Shottery ward within the Stratford-upon-Avon parish.

Ward 19	
Potential Name	Guildhall and Bridgetown
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of Stratford-upon-Avon Parish
Rationale	The current wards on the south side of the river are too large to be represented by just two councillors but don't have the electorate to justify three. To balance this, it is proposed that a ward is created with parts either side of the river Avon. This would incorporate the majority of the current Guildhall ward and part of the current Bridgetown ward close to the river.

Ward 20	
Potential Name	Welcombe Ward
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of Stratford-upon-Avon Parish
Rationale	The existing Welcombe Ward is kept largely intact but with some small outlying areas of the existing Clopton Ward are added to bring the electorate level up towards the ideal level.

Ward 21	
Potential Name	Tiddington
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of Stratford-upon-Avon Parish
Rationale	The electorate is getting too large to balance with the ideal side so the existing Tiddington Ward would reduce in size by ceding some of the area in Stratford to the proposed Orchard Hill Ward. This ward would fully retain the villages of Tiddington and Alveston, along with the new development around Loxley Road and Knights Lane.

Ward 22	
Potential Name	Orchard Hill
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	Part of Stratford-upon-Avon Parish
Rationale	The existing Bridgetown Ward has a higher electorate than idea along with the neighbouring Tiddington Ward. Part of the existing Bridgetown ward would be combined with majority of the existing Guildhall ward to form the Guildhall and Bridgetown Ward. What remains of the existing Bridgetown Ward would be renamed as Orchard Hill, reflecting the name of a farm in the ward. Part of the existing Tiddington Ward would be added to the Orchard Hill ward to reduce the electorate in Tiddington down to a level more inline with the ideal size, also help to balance the Orchard Hill ward electorate size.

Ward 23	
Potential Name	Long Marston
2027 Forecast Electorate	2561
Deviation from Idea	-9%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clifford Chambers and Milcote Long Marston (adjusted to incorporate part of the existing Quinton Parish)
Rationale	The electorate with the parish of Long Marston will grow substantially by 2027 through the ongoing development of Meon Vale and the establishment of the new village Shackleton on the former Long Marston airfield. To accommodate both the full extent of Meon Vale and Shackleton within this ward, it is proposed the boundary between the parish of Long Marston and Quinton is realigned so that it falls along the Campden road. This approach will enable the newly establishing communities to be recognised with suitable representation.

Ward 24	
Potential Name	Quinton
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,616
Deviation from Idea	-7%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admington • Atherstone on Stour • Illmington • Preston on Stour • Quinton (adjusted to cede area to the neighbouring Long Marston Parish). • Whitchurch
Rationale	Whilst the majority of Meon Vale and the new village of Shackleton are located within the parish of Long Marston, part of these villages currently fall within the Quinton parish. To ensure these communities are not split across parish lines, it is proposed that the parts of the Quinton parish which intersect with these villages are ceded to Long Marston. The new boundary between the new parishes would become the Campden road. The Quinton ward itself would then encompass the communities immediately around Illmington Down.

Ward 25	
Potential Name	Aldermminster and Moreton
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,662
Deviation from Idea	-5%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aldermminster • Charlecote • Fulbrook • Hampton Lucy • Lighthorne • Loxley • Moreton Morrell • Newbold Pacey
Rationale	To enable the large parish of Wellesbourne to be represented by two wards and thereby keeping that community together, it is proposed that a rural ward of the much smaller villages surrounding Wellesbourne is created.

Ward 26	
Potential Name	Wellesbourne North
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of Wellesbourne Parish
Rationale	The parish of Wellesbourne is large enough to be split into two and be represented by two wards. This Wellesbourne North ward would incorporate all of Wellesbourne Hastings along with the older part of Wellesbourne Mountford on the southern bank of the river Dene. This proposed ward preserves the effective community of Wellesbourne with dedicated representatives.

Ward 27	
Potential Name	Wellesbourne South
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	Part of Wellesbourne Parish
Rationale	The parish of Wellesbourne is large enough to be split into two and be represented by two wards. This Wellesbourne South ward would incorporate the newer part of Wellesbourne Mountford that has been developed from the late 1970s and including the majority of the recent housing developments in the wider village. This proposed ward preserves the effective community of Wellesbourne with dedicated representatives.

Ward 28	
Potential Name	Treddington
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,658
Deviation from Idea	-5%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ettington • Stretton-on-Fosse • Tredington
Rationale	This rural ward would incorporate a number of villages closely located to a stretch of the Fosse Way.

Ward 29	
Potential Name	Shipston North
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of Shipston Parish
Rationale	Shipston Parish alone is too large for a single ward but not quite big enough to be represented by two wards. To balance this Shipston was been consider with some of the smaller parishes immediately to the south of the town. This ward is made up only of part of the Shipston Parish, balancing the electorate with the proposed Shipston South ward. This proposed ward preserves the effective community of Shipston with dedicated representatives.

Ward 30	
Potential Name	Shipston North
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barcheston • Burmington • Shipston on Stour • Tidmington
Rationale	<p>Shipston Parish alone is too large for a single ward but not quite big enough to be represented by two wards. To balance this Shipston was been consider with some of the smaller parishes immediately to the south of the town. This ward is made up of the southern part of Shipston Parish and including in whole three smaller parishes. The electorate in this ward will be balanced with that of Shipston North. This proposed ward preserves the effective community of Shipston with dedicated representatives and respects the smaller parishes by keeping them whole.</p>

Ward 31	
Potential Name	Brailes and Compton
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,876
Deviation from Idea	3%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barton-on-the-Heath • Brailes • Cherington • Great Wolford • Little Compton • Little Wolford • Long Compton • Stourton • Sutton-under-Brailes • Whichford
Rationale	This ward largely follows the existing Brailes and Compton ward.

Ward 32	
Potential Name	Tysoe
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,810
Deviation from Idea	0%
Parishes Included	<p>Compton Wynyates Halford Honington Idlicote Oxhill Pillerton Hersey Pillerton Priors Radway Ratley and Upton Tysoe Whatcote</p>
Rationale	A rural ward taking in a number of nearby villages.

Ward 33	
Potential Name	Kineton
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,568
Deviation from Idea	-8%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Butlers Marston • Combrook • Kineton
Rationale	Ward principally centred around the large village of Kineton but including two very nearby villages.

Ward 34	
Potential Name	Gaydon Lighthorne Heath
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,589
Deviation from Idea	-8%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chadshunt • Chesterton and Kingston • Compton Verney • Gaydon • Lighthorne Heath
Rationale	Gaydon Lighthorne Heat is expected to grow substantially in the next five years, forming a much larger community. Smaller parishes are incorporated to this main settlement to form a new ward.

Ward 35	
Potential Name	Dassett
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,703
Deviation from Idea	-3%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avon Dassett • Burton Dassett • Farnborough • Fenny Compton • Shotteswell • Warmington
Rationale	Rural ward including the communities in and around the Burton Dassett hills.

Ward 36	
Potential Name	Bishops Itchington
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,567
Deviation from Idea	-8%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop's Itchington • Chapel Ascote • Hodnell and Wills Pastures • Radbourn • Stoneton • Watergall • Wormleighton
Rationale	The vast majority of this ward is made up by the electorate within the Bishops Itchington parish but on its own it doesn't quite have enough electorate. Nearby smaller parishes increase the electorate to an acceptable amount.

Ward 37	
Potential Name	Harbury
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,822
Deviation from Idea	1%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harbury • Ladbroke • Ufton
Rationale	The vast majority of this ward is made up by the electorate within the Harbury parish but on its own it doesn't quite have enough electorate. Nearby smaller parishes increase the electorate close to the ideal size.

Ward 38	
Potential Name	Long Ichington and Southam North
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Ichington • Part of Southam Parish
Rationale	Southam on its own is too big for two wards but too small to accommodate three wards. It is propose that Southam combined with Long Ichington are combined and split into three wards in order to preserve the communities as much as possible. The first ward contains the whole of the Long Ichington ward and a smaller section of the northern part of the Southam Parish.

Ward 39	
Potential Name	Southam West
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of Southam Parish
Rationale	Southam on its own is too big for two wards but too small to accommodate three wards. It is propose that Southam combined with Long Ichington are combined and split into three wards in order to preserve the communities as much as possible. This ward takes in the western part of Southam.

Ward 40	
Potential Name	Southam West
2027 Forecast Electorate	TBC
Deviation from Idea	TBC
Parishes Included	Part of Southam Parish
Rationale	Southam on its own is too big for two wards but too small to accommodate three wards. It is propose that Southam combined with Long Ichington are combined and split into three wards in order to preserve the communities as much as possible. This ward takes in the eastern part of Southam.

Ward 41	
Potential Name	Stockton and Napton
2027 Forecast Electorate	2,932
Deviation from Idea	5%
Parishes Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Napton on the Hill • Priors Hardwick • Priors Marston • Stockton • Upper and Lower Shuckburgh
Rationale	This proposed wards takes in the two larger parishes of Napton and Stockton, adding to it some near by parishes to form a rural ward.