

## Stratford on Avon District Council

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**Organisation Name:** Oversley Green Residents Association

### Comment text:

The existing Ward of Alcester and Rural combines the ancient centre of Alcester with a range of established rural hamlets and villages to the South and West of the town. There is a cultural and historic coherence to this arrangement and links communities of a type and style that can be seen as a whole. It is spread out, as rural communities can be but works as an organisational whole. The proposed Alcester East has no such coherence, either in terms of a geography or community, mixing traditional rural with more modern development in a geographic "dumbbell" shape that has little natural logic. The principles laid down by the Boundary Commission and used as guidelines for developing new ward boundaries include a reference to the conflict between geographic and cultural issues. The phrase is: "Matters of culture, history, socio-economics and other possible aspects of non-physical geography are more likely to arise as issues when considering the separate factor of 'local ties'." What we have here is just such a conflict. For possible convenience the Boundary Commission seem to have chosen the path of the River Arrow as the Western boundary of the new ward, prioritising over the historic ties and culture and including widely different styles of communities with different traditions and needs, spread over an awkward geography. The Committee believes that this is a simplistic approach that devalues the historic element of the links between Oversley Green and Alcester and as such makes little sense to anyone. Our request is that Oversley Green be removed from the proposed Alcester East and included in the new ward of Alcester West, maintaining more sensibly the historic link between town and hamlet.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded