

Notice of Stratford-on-Avon District Area Community Governance (Parish) Review Consultation

In July a Community Governance Review (CGR) was commenced by Stratford on Avon District Council, this offered the chance for Parishes or individuals to make a submission to the District Council to change names, wards, boundaries or number of parish councillors within a Parish.

The Government has emphasised that any recommendations made in a review ought to bring about improved community engagement, more cohesive communities, better local democracy and result in more effective and convenient delivery of local services.

At its meeting on 12 November the Audit Committee of SDC decided from a submission by Quinton Parish Council to consider the following draft proposal:

Submission (involves transfer to Marston Sicca [Long Marston] Parish). Would like to suggest that the parish boundary ended along the length of the Campden Road (A4632) which would mean that some of the 'Long Marston camp' site would be removed from Quinton Parish and put into Marston Sicca Parish. (see map)

Justification: Gives a more effective boundary between the two Parishes. Currently affects 16 electors but may have planning issues.

Other comments:

Marston Sicca PC: "We cannot support this proposal at the present time. As you are no doubt aware, there are major planning concerns ongoing in the area of the majority of this proposal and we think it would be unwise to " muddy the waters" until most of these planning issues are resolved.

In fact, there may be boundary changes brought about by the creation of this new area of housing which will, in fact, have a larger population than Marston Sicca when it is completed"

As this affects Quinton and Marston Sicca Parishes the District Council is inviting comments, in writing, on the above proposal to be received by 7 February 2013.

All further representations received by this deadline will then be considered by the Elections Reference Group in detail and Audit Committee before the Final Recommendations are presented to the Council.

It should be noted that responses will be publicly accessible, respondents should make clear if they want submissions to be kept confidential.

Representations should be made to Stephen Taft, Democratic Services, Stratford-on-Avon DC, Elizabeth House, Church St, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6HX.

For more information see Stratford on Avon District Councils Website: http://www.stratford.gov.uk/CGR

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