

Swindon

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached South Marston Parish Council's response to the Swindon Boundary review proposals.

Attached Documents:

- ward-boundary-review-response-2024.pdf

Ward Boundary Review**23rd August 2024**

South Marston Parish Council supports the Commission's proposal of a single councillor South Marston ward based on slightly extended parish boundaries.

We consider that it would have the advantages of:

- clearly linking the Ward Councillor with the community
- an opportunity for the Councillor to work with us on New Eastern Village issues
- best permit a smooth transition to a new Ward and Parish following expansion

We considered the proposal of a 2-person Ward with Blunsdon. We felt that this would lead to a dispersion of focus across the two communities that would hinder both representation of our community and gaining an understanding of the NEV issues. Further, we anticipate that the proposed developments in both parishes is likely to exceed the desired ratio before 2029.

Kevin Morgan

Clerk to the Council