

Swindon

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Comment text:

South Marston village and Parish are currently part of Stratton St. Margaret and South Marston Ward.

We are very much smaller than Stratton, with just @500 houses, but a large part of the New Eastern Villages expansion is to be built in our Parish.

Our village will expand by 500+ houses, with another 1,800 in the nearby new village of Rowborough. South of the A420 there will be another 2 villages, with a further 2 villages south of the River Cole, in Wanborough parish.

In total this will give an additional 8,000 houses.

This project is 10 years behind schedule, but it appears that all the land has now been purchased and rapid progress is expected.

We anticipate that a realistic estimate for 2029 would be 6,000 additional homes in total, with 3,500 in our parish..

Not surprisingly, our existing Ward Councillors have little detailed knowledge or involvement in what is happening, although they are supportive of Parish Councillor involvement. There are no votes in undeveloped fields.

In practical terms, given that the Borough has and is surrendering its responsibilities to the Parishes, we view the upcoming Boundary review for

parishes to be of greater significance than this ward review. It is unlikely that SMPC would want to be responsible for the villages NEV.

Given the big changes afoot and the uncertainty of timing we have no clear view but would be happy to take part in any future discussion.

Attached Documents:

None attached