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**From:** Keith Cranney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 November 2017 14:25  
**To:** reviews  
**Subject:** Local Government Boundary Commission

Dear Sir/ Madam,

As the three Stoke Gifford South Gloucestershire Councillors (two of us elected in 2003 and one in 2015) we firmly believe that Stoke Gifford Ward should remain a 3 member ward.

In other areas eg Thornbury and Emerson's Green the Commission has produced plans to keep parishes in tack in three member wards and we believe there is a very strong case to do the same here.

The Parish Council actually has its own HQ/ Offices in the Little Stoke part of the parish, where it holds our parish council meetings and the Vicar of St Michael's covers all of Stoke Gifford Parish, including Little Stoke.

The St Michael's "Heart of the Community Centre (<http://www.stmichaelsbristol.org/wp-content/uploads/HOTC-Spring-update-2017-.pdf>) has expanded rapidly in recognition of all the new housing developments and is used by all residents of the parish, not just those on the south of Gypsy Patch Lane/Winterbourne Road. The Centre has meeting rooms, its own café and will soon hold the new Community Library that is been started and will serve all residents of the parish.



St Michael's Centre is used by all residents of the parish

The Stoke Gifford Baptist Church is part of a Trinity partnership with Little Stoke and Amberley Road (Stoke Lodge) Baptist Churches ensuring that the congregation is drawn from across all part of the parish, not from one particular area.

The medical centre at Braydon Ave in Little Stoke attracts residents from right across the Parish Area. Little Stoke residents use Sainsbury for shopping as their bus services do not connect to the large Tesco Willow Brook Centre in Bradley Stoke.

The two youth clubs in the parish work closely together and each attracts young people from across the parish, not just in their immediate area.

Currently two primary schools serve the whole area, St Michael's Ratcliffe Drive and Little Stoke Primary. St Michael's Primary is currently over-subscribed, necessitating the continuing use of temporary classrooms in addition to new purpose built replacement classrooms. The fluid catchment areas for both schools attracts pupils

from the south of Gypsy Patch Lane/Winterbourne Road to attend Little Stoke School. In due course, the area will be served by two planned additional primary schools. The same fluidity occurs with the different play groups across the parish to suit parental working arrangements.

The two secondary schools in the area draw children from all parts of the Stoke Gifford Parish, so pupils from Little Stoke attend both and those living south of Gypsy Patch Lane/Winterbourne Road attend both schools.

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The Parish allotments, managed by Stoke Gifford Parish Council, are sited south of the Gypsy Patch Lane/Winterbourne Road, but are used by residents from all parts of the parish including many who live in Little Stoke.

The three Parish Council managed playing fields are spread across the parish. Each field has a different thematic role and function. As a result residents from all part of the parish will potentially use all three of them depending on their varying needs. Mead Park is kept as a playing field with regularly cut grass, children's play equipment and sand pits. Forty Acres ground is kept as a wild life haven and is managed as such, while Little Stoke Park is laid out as a Recreation Ground with various and different sport pitches such as rugby and football, a state of the art MUGA and the BMX track, both used by the whole community



The Parish Council Offices and HQ where the Parish Council meets, are in Little Stoke but serves the whole parish

The additional sports and recreational equipment provided by the Stoke Gifford Trust on North Road include the cricket pitch and tennis courts which serve the whole community. Meanwhile there is extensive public use of five-a-side football and other MUGA pitches at the WISE and Abbeywood Community School sites, outside of school hours by the wider community

In addition to hive off Little Stoke into a single Member Ward would be impractical and would fail to provide the civil representation its residents have come to expect and enjoy over many years.

The Boundary Commission has focused on keeping parish boundaries, and making them coterminous with new Ward boundaries, wherever possible eg Thornbury and Emerson's Green. In our opinion the Little Stoke one member Ward should be added to the proposed two Member Stoke Gifford Ward to retain a three Member Stoke Gifford Ward which has worked well over many years.

Yours Faithfully,

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