

# Gloucestershire

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Tetbury Division, Gloucestershire

Dear Review Officer,

I am writing to make comments regarding the draft recommendations for electoral division changes in Gloucestershire, specifically the proposed Tetbury division in the Cotswold District, which is to remain unchanged in your draft proposals. I believe that one small adjustment to the boundary of this division would make a big change that better reflects local community ties and communication links, ensuring more effective and convenient local representation for residents.

The change proposed is to relocate the Parish of Sapperton (Sapperton and Frampton Mansell) to the Cirencester Beeches division, and rename the Beeches division accordingly.

These two villages share stronger community ties and communication links with Daglingworth, The Duntisbournes and other neighboring parishes - as evidenced by their inclusion in the Ermin district ward. Residents in these villages access Cirencester (or Stroud) for shopping and leisure facilities - not Tetbury. There is a lack of road and public transport connections to Tetbury. The A419 road and Jackbarrow/Overley Road (via Daglingworth) are the main routes that connect the two villages to Cirencester. The Thames & Severn canal and the railway line provide further physical barriers between Sapperton and villages such as Cherington, the closest other parish in Tetbury division to Sapperton. The only road between Sapperton and Cherington (Emmerson Lane) is a narrow country lane, which is often flooded.

I have attached an e-petition signed by 76 residents supporting the inclusion of Sapperton and Frampton Mansell in Cirencester Beeches division. This petition underlies the importance to residents aligning electoral divisions with natural social and geographical ties, fostering a more cohesive representation.

Additionally, we respectfully propose renaming the Cirencester Beeches division to 'Cirencester North with Ermin' to better describe the communities of the division. This has the additional benefit of removing the confusion that already exists with the similarly named "The Beeches" wards of the District Council and Cirencester Town Council, which cover a rather smaller area.

I appreciate your attention to these matters and trust that the Commission will give due consideration to the petitions and arguments presented. The impact on electoral equality is relatively minor - 399 additional electors in Cirencester Beeches by 2029 (107.5% of the average.) and 399 fewer in Tetbury (97%).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Councillor Chris Twells  
Gloucestershire Independents, Tetbury with Upton Ward

## **Attached Documents:**

- Sapperton and Frampton Mansell epetition.pdf

**TO THE REVIEW OFFICER (GLOUCESTERSHIRE)**

**We, the undersigned, urge the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to reconsider their draft recommendations in this part of Gloucestershire.**

As local residents, we believe it would be a better reflection of local community ties and communication links to include **Sapperton** and **Frampton Mansell** with Daglingworth, The Duntisbournes and other communities in the former Cirencester Beeches division.

We are strongly opposed to the Commission's draft recommendations to include this area in the draft 'Tetbury' electoral division due to the lack of community links and public transport connections to Tetbury.

Furthermore, we ask the Commission to consider renaming Cirencester Beeches division **'Cirencester North with Ermin'** as this better describe the communities encompassed.

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Government	Percentage
Current government	85%
Previous government	15%

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