

Gloucestershire

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Comment text:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write in support of Gloucestershire County Council Conservative group submission in response to the draft recommendations for division boundaries in Gloucestershire.

I wholeheartedly endorse the recommendations and proposals in this report as as a member of the Gloucestershire community and in my role as the Member of Parliament for Cheltenham.

In particular, the Gloucestershire County Council Conservative group submission ensures that Pittville & Prestbury will remain a close-knit and well-established community which has a clear political structure, leadership and established governance which manages the impact of raceweek on the community.

I am also concerned by the proposed “Cheltenham Outer” division. Many residents in Swindon Village and Prestbury already feel isolated by political discourse in Cheltenham as they are already excluded by the parliamentary constituency boundary. By being coupled with other wards that sit within that constituency it makes residents feel that they have a greater voice and wider dialogue in Cheltenham's affairs.

By removing them entirely from Cheltenham and putting them in their own division, this would increase frustration and a sense of political isolation from the general discourse of politics in Cheltenham.

I therefore fully support the recommendations and proposals put forward by Gloucestershire County Council Conservative group as Pittville & Prestbury and Swindon Village & St Pauls have a clear and unique local identity and have a clear interest to maintain their couplings for the provision of decent quality local government and representation.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider Gloucestershire County Council Conservative group submission.

Best wishes,

Alex

Attached Documents:

None attached