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To whom it may concern

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I am writing in response to the proposed change in boundary to move Stroud Trinity ward (a part of Stroud town) into an extended Gloucestershire County Council division that includes Bisley and Painswick. I am very unhappy about this and cannot see any logic to the proposal other than numbers. Even on the map it looks peculiar as a sort of outpost bubble for Bisley which includes some of the key amenities and roads that are very definitely within Stroud. My objections are as follows:

- We are clearly culturally and practically part of Stroud. We are a relatively built-up area. the proposal splits roads in 2 in a way that makes no sense and is prior to the border of the town which is pretty clear. i.e. it is not like a big city where you might expect borders to cut across roads in this way.
- Bisley and Painswick are rural areas with very little in fact in common with Stroud town. I don't think that our interests would be well served by someone representing a very small bubble of a town alongside a rural constituency
- Many amenities for Stroud and used by people in Stroud are within our boundaries (hospital, graveyard, pub, school, local popular park etc.) which it makes little sense to have within a different boundary
- We already have a Town Council, District Council and County Council - currently we manage because boundaries are contiguous where it counts and it seems daft to make an already complex picture even more complex

- The new county councillor would have to engage with multiple wards, parishes and districts which, again, seems a bit ridiculous.

I think this is an anti-democratic arrangement which does not properly represent life as it is but rather is a bureaucratic fix to make the numbers work and as such does not give me and my community proper representation. I struggle to understand how decisions can be made just on numbers. we are people with a clear identity and relationships that do not involve Bisley and Painswick.

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