

# Gloucestershire

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**Related subject:** Prestbury/Swindon Village and St Pauls/Pittville

As a Cheltenham resident for the past 38 years I wish to express my opposition to current proposals for changes in electoral boundaries that, if implemented, would create new County Council divisions within Cheltenham, i.e. "Prestbury & Swindon Village" and "St Pauls & Pittville". In particular:

1. Existing divisions "Pittville & Prestbury" and "Swindon Village & St Pauls" encompass well established communities, geographically close and with a history of working well together on highways, transport links, local groups and amenities. Restructuring these wards would potentially cause major disruption to local communities and services.
2. The proposed new divisions however are not well matched, the proposed Prestbury & Swindon Village division for example has wards in parts of the town that have significantly different character, with separate population centres, each with different needs and priorities.
3. There are alternative ways of rebalancing the difference in electoral numbers between the current divisions, e.g. by moving a few residential areas around Tommy Taylors Lane and Swindon Lane from one ward to another.

I encourage the Boundary Commission to reconsider the present proposal, which I believe would damage the area, losing a well-established set of divisions that presently work well.

Thank you.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*