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Attachments: MapBoundary.jpg; CHaySthElectors.xlsx

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Thank you.

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From: Councillor Dave Lockley <D.Lockley@sstaffs.gov.uk>
Sent: 08 April 2021 16:50
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Subject: South Staffordshire Council Size & Ward Boundaries - Cheslyn Hay South Ward

Hi [REDACTED],
I'm Cllr. Dave Lockley & I represent Cheslyn Hay South ward both as a District Cllr. (together with one other – Cllr. B. Williams), & Parish Councillor. I have been a District Cllr. for 6 years now, & a Parish Cllr. for 2 years.

I'd like to put **my suggestions/proposals** to you for changes to electorate **size & boundary amendments** in my ward.

But first, considering **overall council size** –

- I agree with S.Staffs. council's **numbers**, which indicate that by 2027 the total no. of electors for the whole district will be 87,349.
- I also concur with the suggested **reduction** of the no. of **councillors from the present 49 to 41**.
- Using these figures gives a figure of **2130 electors per councillor**.
- I think this figure (of 41) is attainable given the **savings in time** that can be achieved by digital working, especially virtual meetings using Microsoft Teams, (in my case, by not having to travel to the council offices, it saves approx. 1.75 hrs. per meeting in travelling & preparation). But I anticipate that once we get back to "normal", some meetings will require us to be at "the office" (at least I hope so. I do so miss the social, comradery side of things; being stuck in front of a screen is not conducive to proper personal interaction).
- Regarding council **governance arrangements, & scrutiny functions**. My thoughts are that they are efficient, effective, & appropriate, & serve well the functions for which they are intended.
- Regarding the **representational role of councillors** & the interaction with the community, etc. I would anticipate that whilst a reduction in the no. of councillors would increase some individual workloads, the savings (as mentioned above) would, hopefully, off-set that increase. I think it is worth mentioning that as councillors we not only represent the electors (i.e. the over 18's), but also the under 18's, in so far as they are active within the community through clubs, schools, recreation, etc. (scouts, Boys Brigade, youth football clubs, and so on).

Now, considering the **electorate size of Cheslyn Hay South** –

- **Current figures** (2020) show that the average no. of electors per cllr. across the district to be **1728** (84,693 /49), and that for **Ches.Hay South (CHS)** it is **1442** (2883 electors/2 cllrs.), & this figure will not be changed by 2027. According to your figures this shows that **CHS is over-represented by 15%**.
- Now, **how to get that figure from 1442 to 2130** as mentioned above.
- Amending the boundary to something which seems to me to be more logical & appropriate for the residents/voters, my proposal **transfers some electors** from Cheslyn Hay North & Saredon (CHN), & some from Great Wyrley Landywood (GWL) into CHS. (see attachments).
My understanding is that there will be no housing growth in CHS up to 2027. That is not the case in CHN. Indeed, they are currently in the process of building 60 dwellings (in Saredon Road – opposite CH Leisure Centre/High school). Ground work has been started & is moving afoot. I would anticipate completion by 2023 at the latest. Looking slightly further ahead, my understanding is that there will be additional building in CHN.

Considering **warding boundaries** -

- Regarding **local community interests & identities**. I would suggest that the boundary I propose is easily & logically identifiable, & unifies local geographical & social ties. The **estates at the south of the village** (i.e. both sides of Moon's Lane – currently in GWL ward) already **consider themselves as belonging to CHS, & not GWL**. They share CH facilities & organisations, i.e. leisure centre, village hall, local shops, doctors, schools, church, clubs, pubs, recreation/parks, etc. Indeed, some residents have moved into these areas from the older parts of CH village (i.e. up-sizing), thereby maintaining local ties & interests. Also, **the polling stations in CHS are closer than in GWL**, & therefore, more convenient for those residents. This may result in providing more voting opportunities & increase voter turn-out.
- Regarding **effective & convenient local representation** – I live in the village & thus, I am "more local" than someone from outside the area, which, I think, makes it easier & more convenient for residents to contact me, & if necessary, meet up. Also, being local, I would probably comprehend any issues more fully than someone from outside the area.
- Regarding **the boundary in the north-west of CHS** (at present running down the centre of Glenthorne Drive i.e. through the centre of a residential estate). Would it be more appropriate to move that to run down the centre of Station St. – a more identifiable & obvious boundary, perhaps; & it supports my numbers.
- Regarding **ward size, name, internal access, transport links, & barriers** – I see no issues here.

On a **personal note** –

- I am local & have lived in CH for over 20 years.

- I have a consistently high level of attendance at district council meetings – c.95%.
- I am chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- I sit on 7 of the 15 district council main committees –
 - Personal Development Review & Appointments Panel;
 - Audit & Risk Committee;
 - Your Council Challenge Panel;
 - Full Council Meetings;
 - Member Engagement & Training Panel;
 - Overview & Scrutiny Committee;
 - Planning Committee.
- I am a Parish Councillor sitting on 2 committees.

Hope that this is helpful,
Regards,
DL


**Parish & District Councillor for Cheslyn Hay South.
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— PRESENT BOUNDARY

- - - SUGGESTED EXPANDED BOUNDARY

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My suggestions/thoughts about expanding the boundary & electorate of Cheslyn Hay South.

How my proposed boundary changes (see Boundary attachment) would effect the number of electors -

Location	No. of houses	No.of electors
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1 **Areas/Electors currently in Great Wyrley Landywood Ward -**

Moon's Lane, Spring Meadow estate (on east side of Moon's Lane), plus Pool Meadow estate & Highfields Park estate (on west side of Moon's Lane)	243	510
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2 **Areas/Electors currently in Cheslyn Hay North & Saredon Ward -**

Westbourne Av. (evens up to no.48, & odds up to 25; the remaining houses already in CH South ward)	48	63
Frensham Close	24	45
Peace Close	12	25
Tudor close	20	42
Park Close	33	57
Glenthorne Drive (odd nos. on north west side of street. The houses on S/east side are already in CH South ward)	41	86
New Horse Rd. (both sides from junction with Station St. to junction with Glenthorne Dr.; after that houses are already in CH South ward)	28	56
Sandown Av.	18	36
Salter's Meadow	26	50
Mount Pleasant	29	64
Station Street (odd nos., on S/east side, from railway bridge up to junction with High St./Low St. at War Memorial)	86	163
Park St. (off Station St.)	22	39
High St. (from junction with High St./Low St. at War Memorial, to junction at Mount Pleasant; nos.2 to 18A - on east side of street)	18	34
High St. (Nos.124 to 144 on west side, from junction with Hatherton St. to start of Saredon Rd. at junction with Low St.)	9	17
Saredon Rd. (from end of High St. to junction with Wolverhampton Rd.)	5	12
Hill St.	55	93
Hatherton St.	32	64
Denfield Drive	7	18
Wolverhampton Rd. (nos.1 to 21, from junction with Saredon Rd. up to junction with Hill St., on S/east side of the road.	18	40
Pinfold Ln. (on N/west side from junction with High St. to junction with Hill St.)	13	28
Total transfered from CH North & Saredon	544	1032
Total transfered from Great Wyrley Landywood (from above)	243	510

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Total potential 'transfered' electors (Cell 32D +34D)		1542
Present electors		2883
Total electors in 'new, expanded' ward (Cell 36D + 37D)		4425
Divide by 2 councillors = Electors per councillor CH South.		2213

as at 1/12/2020

These figures would reduce GW Landywood from the present c.3734 to 3224 (i.e. 3734 - 510), divide by 2, equals 1612 per cllr.
and CH North from the present c.3419 to 2387 (i.e. 3419 - 1032), divide by 2, equals 1194 per cllr.