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Dear Sir I understand that you are conducting a boundary review for Cannock Chase that includes a review of the number of Councillors.

I wish to make two points for consideration.

1) Etching Hill and the Heath is a large area that includes the village of Slitting Mill. Slitting Mill is an autonomous rural village separate from Rugeley and has a distinct character and requirements. A councillor designated to represent the input and views of the village is really required.

2) Rugeley Town Council currently has 19 councillors! This is far more than any other town/parish council. I believe this is a historical anomaly as many of those seats are often unoccupied. There is a controlling group that runs the Town Council like an 'old boys club'. The toxic bullying council meetings are conducted in a way that often makes independent councillors resign. Then by the vacancies not being widely published the ruling majority co-opt only individuals who will support their agendas or can be influenced and/or manipulated.

This group oversaw the embezzlement of over £218,000 of public funds without any public apology or explanation of HOW this fraud was allowed to pass unnoticed. The Chair of the Rugeley Town Finance committee is now chair of the council. With an annual budget of £300k it just beggars belief that £200k over two years could conceivably go unnoticed?

Please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards..

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