

## Staffordshire County Council

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Attached are my recommendations for Stafford Central and other divisions across Stafford Borough.

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## Stafford Borough County Divisions

Final recommendations by [REDACTED]

### Basis for recommendations:

1. Barlaston, Fulford, Swynnerton & Oulton: These wards move to a new constituency that is mostly city. There is value in having one county councillor for the three rural wards.
2. Two current divisions are very strange: Eccleshall, and Stone Rural, need to be examined and made more rational.
3. Urban encroachment by Stafford into rural wards is not currently represented adequately. Having urban wards encompass such housing developments has value for the residents.
4. Where practical, respect ward boundaries (but bear in mind point 3 above).
5. Definitely respect existing polling district boundaries.

### Recommendations:

1. A new division for Barlaston, Fulford, Swynnerton & Oulton. This would be 2% above Stafford average. Tentatively called 'Wedgwood' in this list
2. One division for Eccleshall and Gnosall, which requires one polling district from Seighford ward (Ellenhall SFB). At 94% of average, this is now the smallest division.
3. Stafford North to additionally take the Creswell polling district (SFA) from Seighford ward
4. Stafford Central to additionally take a polling district from Milwich ward (St Mary Gate MHL) and lose some PDs to the west and south.
5. Stafford South East to additionally take Milford ward, and the one Baswich polling district not already included. This now precisely matches ward boundaries.
6. Stafford West to be renamed "South West", and to include Penkside ward
7. Gnosall and Doxey to be replaced by a new division "Stafford West & Rural", covering Rowley, Doxey & Castlefields, and the remaining PDs from Seighford & Church Eaton.
8. Stafford Trent Valley to now include all of Milwich ward (except for MHL) and one ward from Stone Urban (SCE)
9. Stone Urban to now contain the whole of Walton, but now cede one PD to the south – SCE.

These changes would provide nine divisions all closer to the target 2028 average, and more adequately reflect the character of the areas, respect boundaries more consistently, and anticipate future developments better.

New Division	Electorate 2028	Average
Eccleshall & Gnosall	11,304	94%
Wedgwood	12,262	102%
Stafford Trent Valley	11,843	98%
Stafford West & Rural	11,224	93%
Stafford North	12,301	102%
Stafford Central	12,241	102%
Stafford South East	12,091	100%
Stafford South West	12,777	106%
Stone Urban	12,312	102%
<b>Target Average</b>	<b>12,039</b>	

## Options within this plan

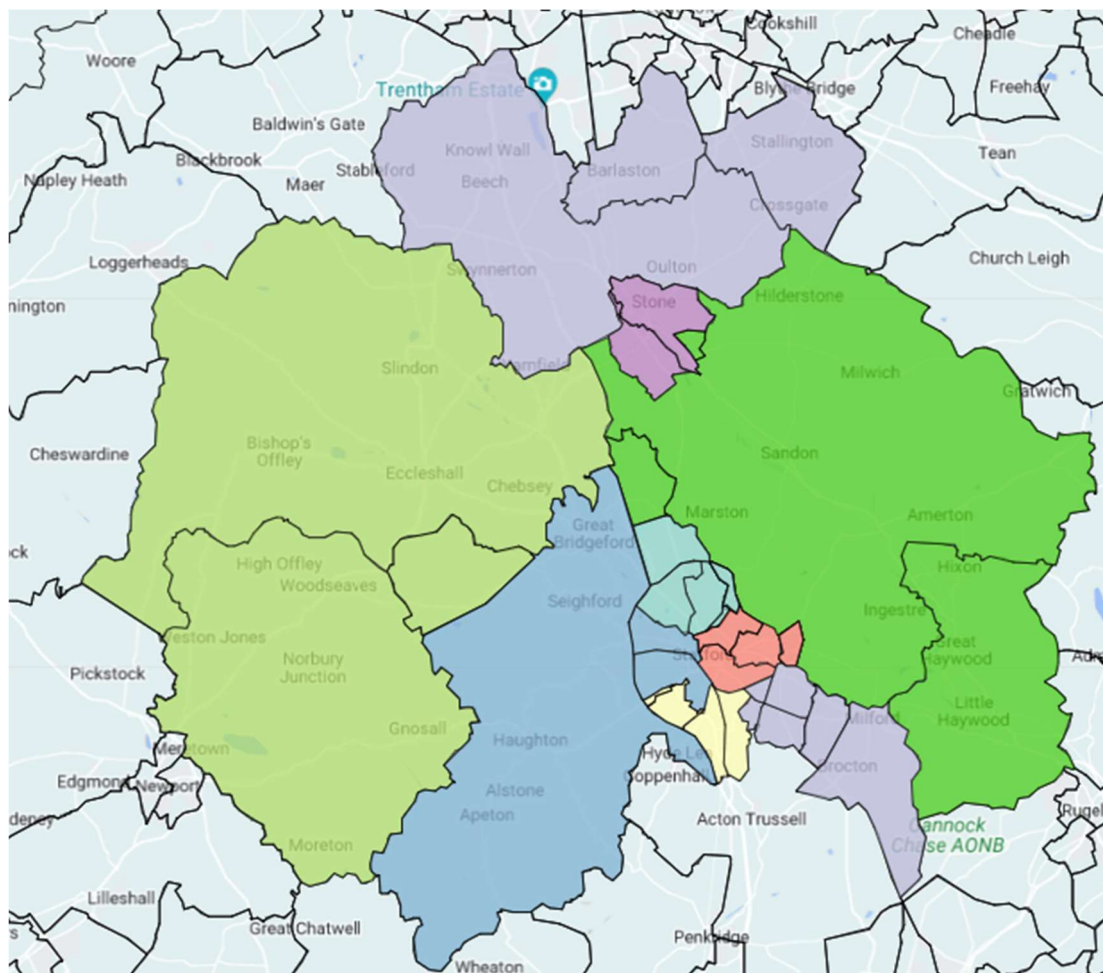
An alternative that appears to be precluded by the remit of the consultation is to combine the new Stafford West & Rural with the new Stafford South West to form one 2-member division. Given the urban encroachment in this area, there is merit in considering that option. Alternatively, one PD from Western Downs could be included in the Stafford West & Rural division, perhaps HWC.

If splitting polling districts is possible, then the following polling districts could sensibly be split to allow for better *natural* boundaries (eg along railway or motorway):

- SCE: to split the PD at the railway line, and include western portion in Stone Urban.
- SFA: to split the PD at the motorway, allowing Creswell itself to join Stafford West & Rural
- MDA: to split Walton-on-the-Hill from Milford village, allowing Milford & Brocton to remain in Stafford Trent Valley.
- MHL: western boundary to be aligned with the stream, instead of through the middle of the estate (negligible impact)

## Details

See the table at the end for details regarding the PDs to be in each new division



## Stafford Central Detail

This is a summary of my proposed changes to my division, Stafford Central. I have highlighted the "in and out" PDs, with yellow(out) and green (in)

Polling district	Existing ward	Existing Division	New division	Electorate 2022	Electorate 2028
BSG	Baswich	Stafford Central	Stafford South East	56	63
CNA	Coton	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	1713	1713
CNC	Coton	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	669	669
CND	Coton	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	220	218
CNE	Coton	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	757	757
DCC	Doxey and Castletown	Stafford Central	Stafford West & Rural	336	373
FRA	Forebridge	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	1097	1558
FRB	Forebridge	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	258	284
FRC	Forebridge	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	761	947
FRD	Forebridge	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	379	603
LIA	Littleworth	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	276	295
LIB	Littleworth	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	1009	1009
LIC	Littleworth	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	606	606
LID	Littleworth	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	732	732
LIE	Littleworth	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	814	814
LIF	Littleworth	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	920	971
MHL	Milwich	Stafford Trent Valley	Stafford Central	1065	1065
PKB 1	Penkside	Stafford Central	Stafford South West	793	793

There is a proposal both others to move just one street (Edison Road) into Stafford North. I feel this is a) unnecessary and b) would cause confusion within my community. Edison Road is part of a network of path-based housing and to have a county division boundary through the middle of the already-complex estate makes no sense. The existing boundary, along the unpopulated School Place, is a natural boundary between communities facing away from each other, and should remain the boundary of the Polling District and division.

Contrast this with the MHL polling district, with over a thousand residents who face inwards to Stafford economically, for services, and for recreation. It includes the school (Western Road Academy) that services much of Littleworth. I propose we include that in Stafford Central, and thus no longer 'borrow' polling districts from three other wards. This results in Stafford Central being just 2% over average and, with the other changes suggested for Stafford North, almost the precise same size as the new Stafford North.

## Detail of this proposal:

PD	Existing ward	Existing Division	New division	Electorate 2022	Electorate 2028
BAA	Barlaston	Stone Rural	Wedgwood	520	520
BAB	Barlaston	Stone Rural	Wedgwood	568	634
BAC	Barlaston	Stone Rural	Wedgwood	998	998
BAD	Barlaston	Stone Rural	Wedgwood	174	190
BSA	Baswich	Stafford South East	Stafford South East	853	853
BSB	Baswich	Stafford South East	Stafford South East	1255	1255
BSC	Baswich	Stafford South East	Stafford South East	1007	1007
BSD	Baswich	Stafford Trent Valley	Stafford South East	199	212
BSE	Baswich	Stafford South East	Stafford South East	1025	1025
BSF	Baswich	Stafford South East	Stafford South East	491	491
BSG	Baswich	Stafford Central	Stafford South East	56	63
CMA	Common	Stafford North	Stafford North	725	725
CMB	Common	Stafford North	Stafford North	1436	1489
CMC 1	Common	Stafford North	Stafford North	856	856
CNA	Coton	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	1713	1713
CNB	Coton	Stafford North	Stafford North	683	683
CNC	Coton	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	669	669
CND	Coton	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	220	218
CNE	Coton	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	757	757
CNF	Coton	Stafford North	Stafford North	1110	1110
DCA	Doxey and Castletown	Gnosall and Doxey	Stafford West & Rural	2268	2268
DCB	Doxey and Castletown	Gnosall and Doxey	Stafford West & Rural	213	231
DCC	Doxey and Castletown	Stafford Central	Stafford West & Rural	336	373
ECA	Eccleshall	Eccleshall	Eccleshall & Gnosall	445	445
ECB	Eccleshall	Eccleshall	Eccleshall & Gnosall	454	473
ECC	Eccleshall	Eccleshall	Eccleshall & Gnosall	322	338
ECD	Eccleshall	Eccleshall	Eccleshall & Gnosall	265	274
ECE	Eccleshall	Eccleshall	Eccleshall & Gnosall	1325	1388
ECF	Eccleshall	Eccleshall	Eccleshall & Gnosall	1271	1271
ECG	Eccleshall	Eccleshall	Eccleshall & Gnosall	72	73
ECH	Eccleshall	Eccleshall	Eccleshall & Gnosall	545	545



PD	Existing ward	Existing Division	New division	Electorate 2022	Electorate 2028
ECI	Eccleshall	Eccleshall	Eccleshall & Gnosall	221	231
ECJ	Eccleshall	Eccleshall	Eccleshall & Gnosall	626	626
FDA	Fulford	Stone Rural	Wedgwood	1514	1514
FDB	Fulford	Stone Rural	Wedgwood	1572	1572
FDC	Fulford	Stone Rural	Wedgwood	1119	1119
FDD	Fulford	Stone Rural	Wedgwood	577	577
FRA	Forebridge	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	1097	1558
FRB	Forebridge	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	258	284
FRC	Forebridge	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	761	947
FRD	Forebridge	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	379	603
GW A	Gnosall and Woodseaves	Gnosall and Doxey	Eccleshall & Gnosall	235	248
GW B	Gnosall and Woodseaves	Gnosall and Doxey	Eccleshall & Gnosall	1337	1337
GW C	Gnosall and Woodseaves	Gnosall and Doxey	Eccleshall & Gnosall	2181	2181
GW D	Gnosall and Woodseaves	Gnosall and Doxey	Eccleshall & Gnosall	137	140
GW E	Gnosall and Woodseaves	Gnosall and Doxey	Eccleshall & Gnosall	439	439
GWF	Gnosall and Woodseaves	Gnosall and Doxey	Eccleshall & Gnosall	239	252
GW G	Gnosall and Woodseaves	Gnosall and Doxey	Eccleshall & Gnosall	565	565
GW H	Gnosall and Woodseaves	Gnosall and Doxey	Eccleshall & Gnosall	341	357
HHA	Haywood and Hixon	Stafford Trent Valley	Stafford Trent Valley	1760	1846
HHB	Haywood and Hixon	Stafford Trent Valley	Stafford Trent Valley	2080	2080
HHC	Haywood and Hixon	Stafford Trent Valley	Stafford Trent Valley	1666	1666
HOA	Holmcroft	Stafford North	Stafford North	1445	1445
HOB	Holmcroft	Stafford North	Stafford North	1255	1255
HOC 1	Holmcroft	Stafford North	Stafford North	1857	1857
HOD	Holmcroft	Stafford North	Stafford North	944	944
HWA	Highfields and Western Downs	Stafford West	Stafford South West	1369	1369
HWB	Highfields and Western Downs	Stafford West	Stafford South West	1364	1364
HW C	Highfields and Western Downs	Stafford West	Stafford South West	1132	1132
HW D	Highfields and Western Downs	Stafford West	Stafford South West	1031	1031
LIA	Littleworth	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	276	295
LIB	Littleworth	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	1009	1009
LIC	Littleworth	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	606	606
LID	Littleworth	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	732	732
LIE	Littleworth	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	814	814

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LIF	Littleworth	Stafford Central	Stafford Central	920	971
MAA	Manor	Stafford West	Stafford South West	1091	1091
MAB	Manor	Stafford West	Stafford South West	855	884
MAC	Manor	Stafford West	Stafford South West	1505	1505
MAD	Manor	Stafford West	Stafford South West	1063	1102
MAE	Manor	Stafford West	Stafford South West	731	731
MDA	Milford	Stafford Trent Valley	Stafford South East	1538	1538
MDB	Milford	Stafford Trent Valley	Stafford South East	881	881
MHA	Milwich	Stone Rural	Stafford Trent Valley	162	163
MHB	Milwich	Stone Rural	Stafford Trent Valley	496	496
MHC	Milwich	Stone Rural	Stafford Trent Valley	350	370
MHD	Milwich	Stone Rural	Stafford Trent Valley	274	292
MHE	Milwich	Stone Rural	Stafford Trent Valley	297	297
MHF	Milwich	Eccleshall	Stafford Trent Valley	103	112
MHG	Milwich	Stafford Trent Valley	Stafford Trent Valley	308	325
MHH	Milwich	Stafford Trent Valley	Stafford Trent Valley	131	138
MHI	Milwich	Stafford Trent Valley	Stafford Trent Valley	328	347
MHJ	Milwich	Stafford Trent Valley	Stafford Trent Valley	472	985
MHK	Milwich	Stafford Trent Valley	Stafford Trent Valley	147	158
MHL	Milwich	Stafford Trent Valley	Stafford Central	1065	1065
MH M	Milwich	Stafford Trent Valley	Stafford Trent Valley	208	213
MHN	Milwich	Stafford Trent Valley	Stafford Trent Valley	827	827
PKA	Penkside	Stafford South East	Stafford South West	850	850
PKB 1	Penkside	Stafford Central	Stafford South West	793	793
PKC	Penkside	Stafford South East	Stafford South West	925	925
ROA	Rowley	Stafford West	Stafford West & Rural	631	651
ROB 1	Rowley	Stafford West	Stafford West & Rural	715	715
ROC 1	Rowley	Gnosall and Doxey	Stafford West & Rural	1470	2889

PD	Existing ward	Existing Division	New division	Electorate 2022	Electorate 2028
SCA	St Michaels and Stonefield	Stone Urban	Stone Urban	847	847
SCB	St Michaels and Stonefield	Stone Urban	Stone Urban	879	879
SCC	St Michaels and Stonefield	Stone Urban	Stone Urban	1418	1418
SCD	St Michaels and Stonefield	Stone Urban	Stone Urban	955	955
SCE	St Michaels and Stonefield	Stone Urban	Stafford Trent Valley	1349	1349
SCF	St Michaels and Stonefield	Stone Urban	Stone Urban	2206	2207
SCG	St Michaels and Stonefield	Stone Urban	Stone Urban	222	222
SFA	Seighford and Church Eaton	Eccleshall	Stafford North	1125	1937
SFB	Seighford and Church Eaton	Gnosall and Doxey	Eccleshall & Gnosall	113	121
SFC	Seighford and Church Eaton	Gnosall and Doxey	Stafford West & Rural	360	371
SFD 1	Seighford and Church Eaton	Gnosall and Doxey	Stafford West & Rural	898	898
SFE	Seighford and Church Eaton	Gnosall and Doxey	Stafford West & Rural	325	344
SFF	Seighford and Church Eaton	Gnosall and Doxey	Stafford West & Rural	714	714
SFG	Seighford and Church Eaton	Eccleshall	Stafford West & Rural	598	598
SFH	Seighford and Church Eaton	Gnosall and Doxey	Stafford West & Rural	220	234
SFI	Seighford and Church Eaton	Eccleshall	Stafford Trent Valley	170	179
SFJ	Seighford and Church Eaton	Gnosall and Doxey	Stafford West & Rural	386	399
SFK	Seighford and Church Eaton	Gnosall and Doxey	Stafford West & Rural	539	539
SWA	Swynnerton and Oulton	Eccleshall	Wedgwood	564	564
SWB	Swynnerton and Oulton	Eccleshall	Wedgwood	825	825
SWC	Swynnerton and Oulton	Eccleshall	Wedgwood	1103	1103
SWD	Swynnerton and Oulton	Eccleshall	Wedgwood	1457	1457
SWE	Swynnerton and Oulton	Stone Rural	Wedgwood	219	230
SWF	Swynnerton and Oulton	Stone Rural	Wedgwood	491	537
SWG	Swynnerton and Oulton	Stone Rural	Wedgwood	266	277
SWH	Swynnerton and Oulton	Eccleshall	Wedgwood	136	145
WAA	Walton	Stone Rural	Stone Urban	1167	1518
WAB	Walton	Stone Rural	Stone Urban	865	865
WAC	Walton	Stone Urban	Stone Urban	1307	1307
WAD	Walton	Stone Urban	Stone Urban	1063	1063
WAE	Walton	Stone Urban	Stone Urban	1031	1031
WXA 1	Weeping Cross and Wildwood	Stafford South East	Stafford South East	232	239



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WXB	Weeping Cross and Wildwood	Stafford South East	Stafford South East	1026	1026
WXC	Weeping Cross and Wildwood	Stafford South East	Stafford South East	1410	1420
WXD	Weeping Cross and Wildwood	Stafford South East	Stafford South East	1568	1568
WXE	Weeping Cross and Wildwood	Stafford South East	Stafford South East	513	513