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Related subject: Prestbury

I have lived in Cheltenham for over 50 years. However, more importantly I have lived in Prestbury for 13 years. I am writing this letter to OPPOSE the proposal to create a new set of Divisions which would align Prestbury with Swindon Village and also aligning St Paul's with Pittville. Prior to living in Prestbury I also lived in Pittville. This proposal to change our boundaries will I believe as a resident seriously harm our close connections and fabric of our communities. As a former Parish Councillor this I believe will seriously harm the work that is done in local government. Pittville and Prestbury are well established communities and has been for Centuries!!! May I refer you to CBC's Local Development Framework June 2009. Para 3.11 - 3.15. Hyde Spa in Prestbury was the 1st original medicinal waters of Cheltenham. Prestbury and Pittville are historically and geographically linked. Anybody that has lived in both of these places know we are closely linked with Cheltenham Racecourse and the issues with managing Cheltenham Races. This proposal will create another division between the racecourse and the area around it. Politically this could prove to make managing these events so much harder. The proposal to match Prestbury with Swindon Village many people believe are badly matched. Geographically they are in completely different parts of town with the population split by several miles. May I please ask you to consider perhaps other ways for dealing with the electoral equality by looking at moving certain residential areas that currently do not feel part of Prestbury or Pittville. For example Tommy Taylors and the area in and past Swindon Lane. Prestbury resident already feel as outsiders in part because of our crossover between Cheltenham/Tewkesbury. Please I implore you not to make us feel even more as an Outer Division.

Attached Documents:

None attached