

Cheshire East

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Related subject: Eaton Parish - Gawsworth Ward

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We in Eaton, as a rural community, feel that we have many shared interests with our neighbouring rural parishes such as Marton, North Rode and Gawsworth.

Some of these common interests include such things as:

- Maintaining Rural Village status and protecting boundaries.
- Highways issues, such as traffic speeds, and creation of “rat runs” along rural lanes.
- Rural Schools (Marton CE Primary School is the hub for local rural primary education)
- Mineral Extraction – Sand quarrying has been carried out in Eaton for many years and the expansion of this to neighbouring rural parishes is set to continue in the future.
- General environmental issues, such as flooding, light pollution, and Fly tipping – which is a real problem for all rural communities.

- Planning Decisions – Rural parishes through their adopted neighbourhood plans are best placed to give advice and comments on proposed development within their areas.
- Rural transport links.
- Mobile phone and internet connection issues.

We feel that all these issues are best served by Eaton remaining within the existing Gawsworth Ward.

We already have a strong working relationship with both our ward councillor and member of parliament, who have a strong grasp and understanding of the issues detailed above.

The proposals submitted to the commission by Cheshire East Council look to modify the southern boundaries of Eaton to align with those recently modified for the Community Governance boundary review. This in our view is a logical response and ensures that we in Eaton remain in the rural ward of Gawsworth, and that the recent housing developments to the north of Congleton and those in the Buglawton area of Congleton are moved into Congleton North and East Wards respectively.

To conclude, we in the village of Eaton are a rural community and have every desire to remain so. As such we feel that we are democratically better served by remaining within the ward of Gawsworth.

Cllr Steve Waltho – Eaton Parish Council

Attached Documents:

None attached