

Cheshire East

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The attached file shows the proposed split of Congleton into 3 wards of 2 councillors. This proposal was put forward as one of the final options during the Cheshire East Committee meetings but sadly did not make it through to the next stage, so I would like to re-propose this very sensible split. The current ballot box coded areas are as is, there is no change to this definition.

The 3 new wards have been referred to as Congleton West, Congleton Central and Congleton East.

Congleton West is 'West Heath' a defined area of Congleton, which includes Astbury Mere Country Park.

Congleton Central includes Lower Heath to the North and the central part of town, including the Bromley Farm Estate. CON3 is the small triangular ballot box code where the blue text 'Congleton' is shown. This area is of similar socioeconomic status.

Congleton East covers Buglawton (COB1 and COB2) and the rural areas of Congleton, please see maps in the attached spreadsheet.

The current situation of 2 wards in Congleton means that the areas are very large and difficult for councillors to manage. Having smaller areas means that councillors can focus on their communities in a more effective way. The proposed split is sensible - when the ballot box codes were first defined, areas of similar nature were assigned similar codes. All the COW, COC, CON, CNW, COS and COB wards have been kept together.

Attached Documents:

- boundary-proposal-congleton.xlsx

Proposal for Congleton: 3 wards of 2 councillors

Congleton West	COWT	200	8609
	COW1	1222	
	COW2	1423	
	COW3	970	
	COW4	1025	
	COC1	1548	
	COC2	1012	
	COC3	1209	

Congleton Central	CNW2	1180	7198
	CNW3	1959	
	4GCT	500	
	COCT	498	
	CON1	1351	
	CON2	1523	
	CON3	187	

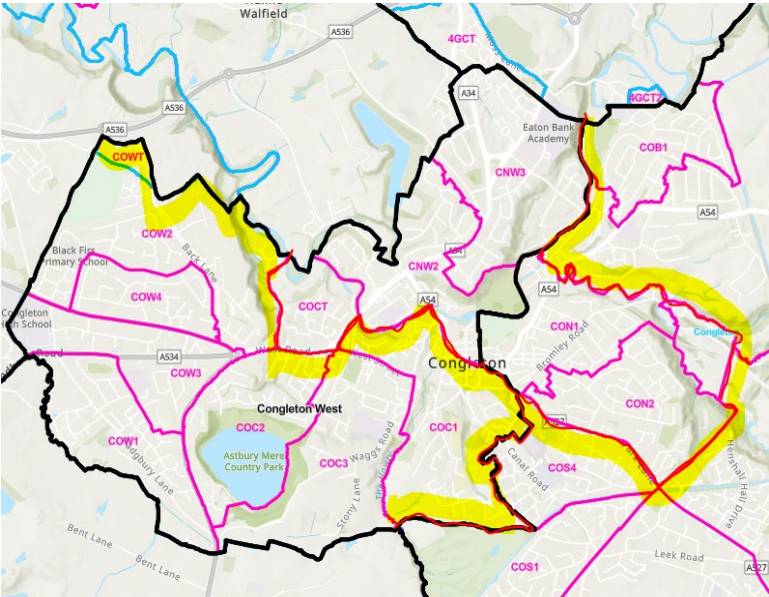
Congleton East	COS1	1035	7698
	COS2	1311	
	COS3	1464	
	COS4	1304	
	COB1	1176	
	COB2	1408	

You can see that this is a sensible split of Congleton into 3 wards. When the ballot box nomenclature was first defined areas of similar nature were assigned similar codes. All the COW, COC, CON, CNW, COS and COB wards have been kept together.

Please excuse any red pen wobbles, the boundaries of the current town ballot box areas are as is for this proposal - there is no change required for the ballot box codes.

	The numbers in red are unknown and estimates.
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This proposal was put forward as one of the final options during the discussions in the Cheshire East meetings, but sadly did not make it to the next stage of the process. This was a shame, as having smaller wards means that councillors can focus on their communities in a more effective way.



Map showing the boundaries of Congleton West and Congleton Central. All ballot box codes are as is, just a split into 3 new wards. Congleton West is 'West Heath' a definite area of Congleton, which includes Astbury Mere Country Park. Congleton Central includes Lower Heath to the North and the central part of town, including the Bromley Farm Estate. CON3 is the small triangular ballot box code where the blue text 'Congleton' is shown. This area is of similar socioeconomic status. Congleton East covers Buglawton (COB1 and COB2) and the rural areas of Congleton, please see map below.

