

Cheshire East

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TO: Local Government Boundary Commission
CC: Dumbah Association, Bollington members only
REF **Cheshire East: Bollington/Macclesfield boundary**

Dear Sirs,

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL'S: POSITION

On the 27th February 2024 Cheshire East Council (CEC) ruled, at a full assembly of its councillors: -

The Bollington parish border and those of its residents, south of the Silk Road (A523), should be moved from the parish of Bollington into the parish of Macclesfield.

DUMBAH ASSOCIATION'S: POSITION

The Dumbah Association (DA) strongly opposes CEC's resolution. We have canvassed all DA's Bollington residents (14 properties) for their preferences. None wish a transfer to Macclesfield; all prefer Prestbury over Bollington. Of the 14 Bollington properties; 10 sit within Dumbah Lane which, itself, is currently split between the parishes of Prestbury and Bollington.

By **Oct 2021**, CEC's Community Boundary Review (CGR) had formally registered and mapped an option to transfer 11 DA Bollington properties into Prestbury (see Map-BOL4), but this option was eliminated at the Cheshire East Council meeting of **27th Feb. 2024**. We were informed of this meeting **25th Feb**: Worse, these CEC-CGR meetings had reconvened effective **1st Jan 2024** --- unbeknown to us.

Individual letters/emails will be sent to the Local Boundary Commission (LGBC) stating each property's preference. The following pages give detail to Dumbah Association's position.

Signed ***Mike Adley***

Chairman – Dumbah Association

DUMBAH ASSOCIATION: OUR POSITION

TRANSFERRING to PRESTBURY

The Dumbah Association is a residents' organisation of some 40 years standing and was formed by Mike Adley and the late Derek Gower (Prestbury parish councilor) - both of Dumbah Lane. It represents the interests of all residents living along: Dumbah, Ball and Tytherington Lanes and some parts of Manchester Road. Of DA's Bollington contingent of 14-properties; Dumbah Lane holds 10 of them.

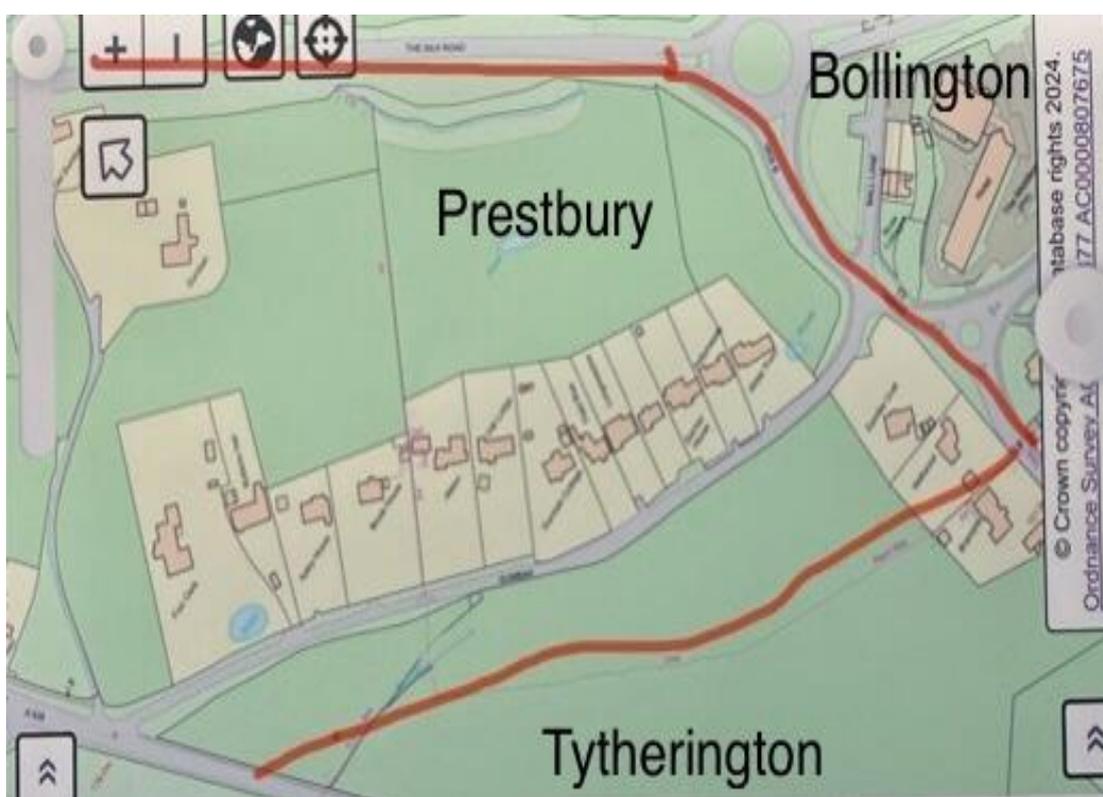
Dumbah Lane is a small country lane, divided by the existing Prestbury/Bollington parish borders. Some 7-houses to its west sit in Prestbury and 10 to its east sit in Bollington. An unsatisfactory situation for such a close community.

With the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC), we have the chance to put the road together again.

Both halves of Dumbah Lane's residents, over the years had children of similar age who, when young trekked daily to Bollin Grove School in the heart of Prestbury village. This became the hub of their families' social lives. They met at the school or Village Hall; the children played on the swings and roundabouts and the adults either shopped at Conways or were playing bridge, tennis, crown green bowls, golf and cricket - all in the heart of the village. Social evenings were, and still are at The Club, The Admiral Rodney, Butley Ash, Leigh Arms or dining at one of the many well-appointed restaurants. Prestbury has been kind to us over the years with most friends outside of our Dumbah community still living in the village, but until now we have never had the chance to affect its governance.

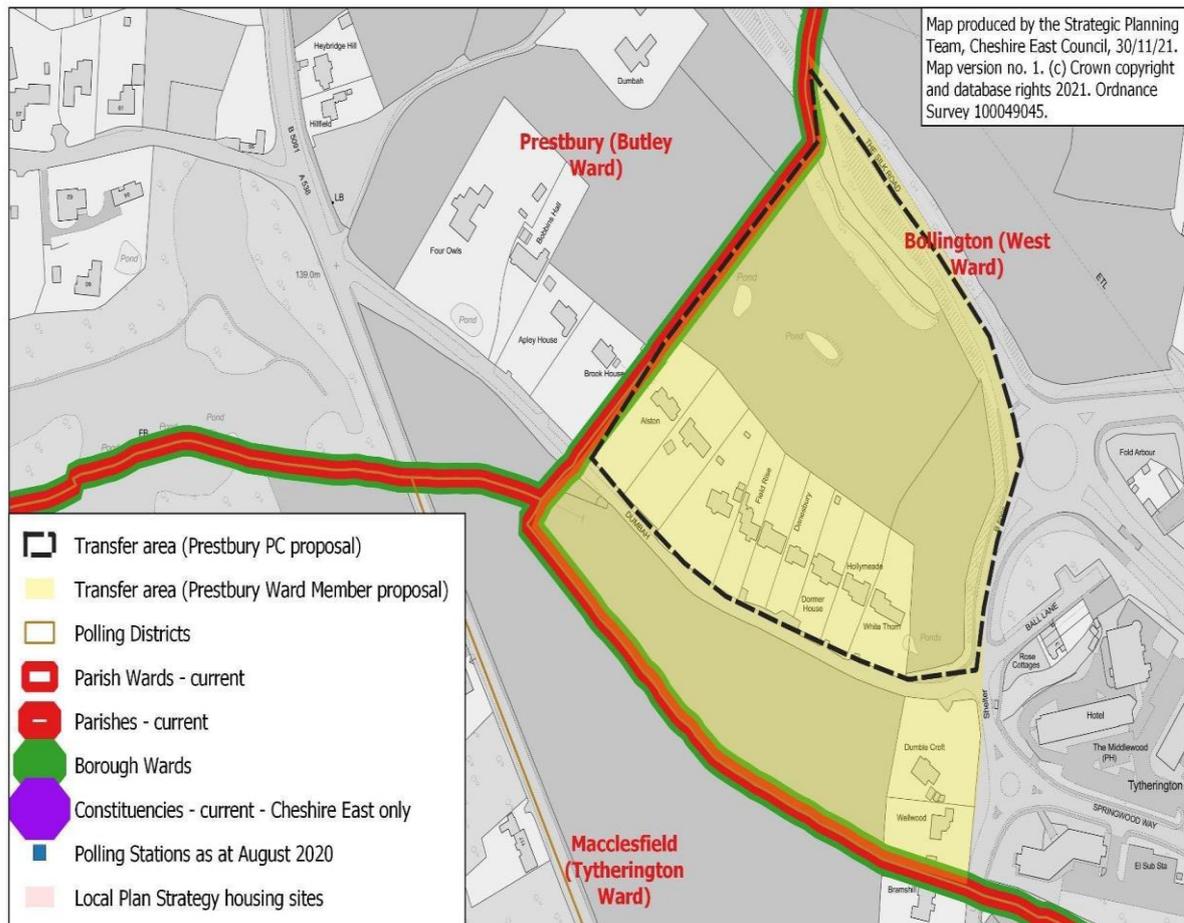
Dumbah Association suggested new strong hard borders adjacent to the extended Prestbury

Boundary, between Tytherington and Prestbury follows current border
Bollington and Prestbury follows Silk Road and Tytherington Lane



TRANSFERRING to PRESTBURY: OFFICIAL CEC Community Boundary Review at Oct 2021

Below is CEC's official map, shown as **MAP-BOL4** on page-88 of their Community Boundary Review (CGR) FINAL document dated 25 March 2022. It formally registers an option for transferring 11 of DA's Bollington properties into Prestbury parish and includes the whole of Dumbah Lane.



This map, with its YELLOW shading, is favoured by our DA residents and was proposed by the then (2021) Prestbury CE-ward councillor (now retired) after his site visit circa Sept 2021. This Prestbury CE-councillor had, in the past, been both a Cheshire County (CC) and Macclesfield Borough (MCB) councillor for Macclesfield (Tytherington) under the now defunct CC/MCB regimes. Therefore, he knew the area well.

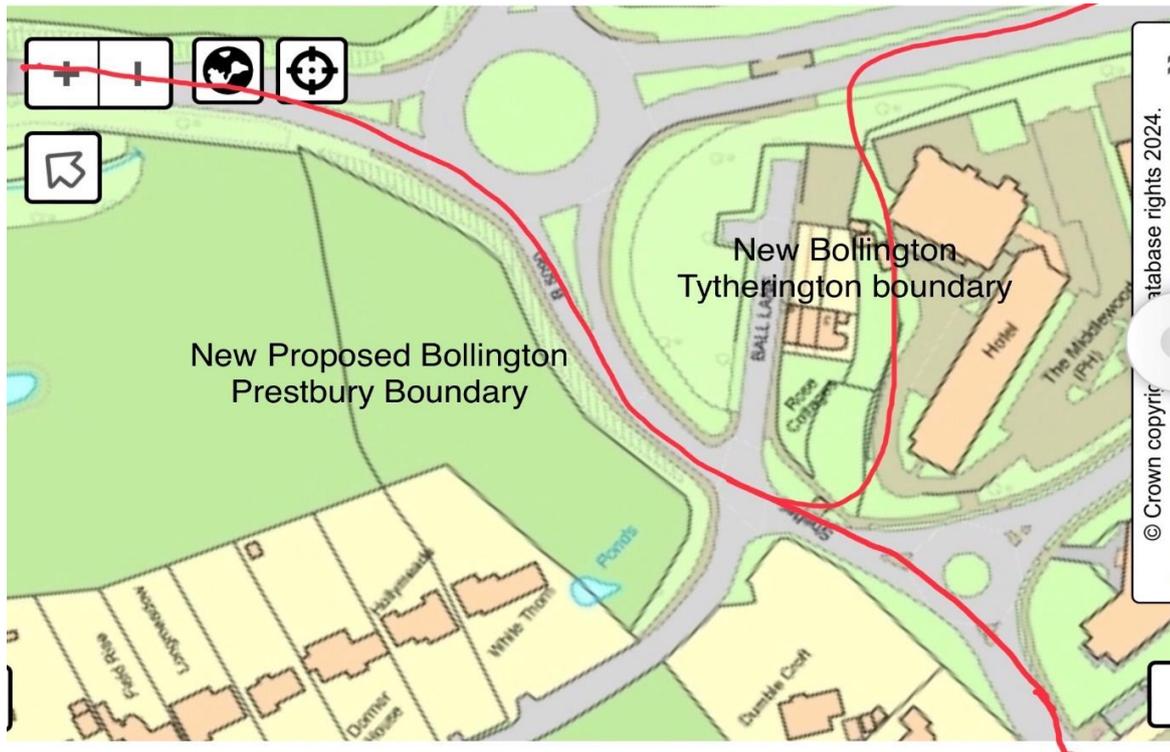
As shown, this map uses the existing Bollington boundary (running away from Dumbah Lane) and terminating at Tytherington Lane. It maintains the greatest separation between Dumbah Lane and Macclesfield's existing border.

DA sincerely and respectfully asks that LGBC take a compassionate view on OUR 3 Ball Lane properties whose residents have been excluded. We believe the curtilage of Tytherington Business Village presents an identifiable separation boundary from Ball Lane's 150-year old cottages.

From DA's perspective, we believe the above map provides: -

- 1) The greatest protection for the Green Belt land in front and behind Dumbah Lane
- 2) Offers the greatest protection for existing **Prestbury** Dumbah Lane residents
- 3) Item-2 is significant. Bollington Town Council has tried to expand into Prestbury!
- 4) If DA's Bollington residents are a target now, then: -
 - a) DA's **Prestbury** residents along **Dumbah Lane** (7) could be a future target
 - b) And, DA's **Prestbury** residents along **Manchester Road** (4) could also be a future target

DECOUPLING BALL LANE from TYTHERINGTON BUSINESS VILLAGE



The Dumbah Association modification to the Bollington /Tytherington boundary to incorporate Ball Lane cottages into Bollington

Critical to DA's position of transferring to Prestbury Parish is the absolute need to decouple our members from those Bollington residents (**70+**) living within boundaries of the Tytherington Business Village (TBV). TBV's residents have lived within this village for, at most, some 10-years: the last built was circa 2021. Whereas, DA's residents' houses were built in the 1950s with many residents occupying them for several decades. Essentially, we were here before the Silk Road (A523) or the TBV were built.

Tytherington Business Village is entered through Springwood Way, with its name illuminated on both sides of the road. Springwood Way is an **unadopted road**, owned by the Emerson Group, and likely to remain unadopted. The right side of Springwood Way has only office buildings; the left side starts with a hotel, followed by an office building with the first house appearing some 400-meters deep from the entrance. The rear of this village is bounded by a huge earth mound; the north side bounded by the 4-lane Silk Road (A523). It is therefore cocooned by commercial office buildings, a mound and the Silk Road.

From DA's perspective the name ***Tytherington Business Village (TBV)*** is, by itself, self-defining. These two discrete and separate hamlets are of **completely different character and heritage**. We are in Green Belt; theirs not. Each of our houses are of unique design; theirs not. The A523 is 2-lane behind us; theirs 4-lane.

There are no TBV residential properties/houses adjacent to any of DA's Bollington residents and that includes DA's members on **Ball Lane** - which are clearly outside the curtilage of the TBV.

It is for TBV's residents to voice their own opinions. Our focus is on our DA residents. Hence we should be **decoupled** from TBV. Something of an approach that CEC/Macclesfield and should have considered.

We believe, CEC's position of coupling two discrete hamlets is a blunt tool to gain turf. It is crude, indiscriminate and totally insensitive to our residents and CEC's responsibility to us.

DUMBAH ASSOCIATION: Why not Macclesfield (Tytherington ward)?

A description of Tytherington can be obtained from Wikipedia viz:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tytherington,_Cheshire

Taken in the round, Wiki describes Tytherington as being an affluent area of housing. Apart from its prestigious Tytherington Club and golf course, it has but 1 pub/restaurant 'The Brocklehurst Arms'. It lacks any sense of character; fails to facilitate places of social community interaction, combined with the critical weakness of not being a parish. It is but a ward of Macclesfield Town Council.

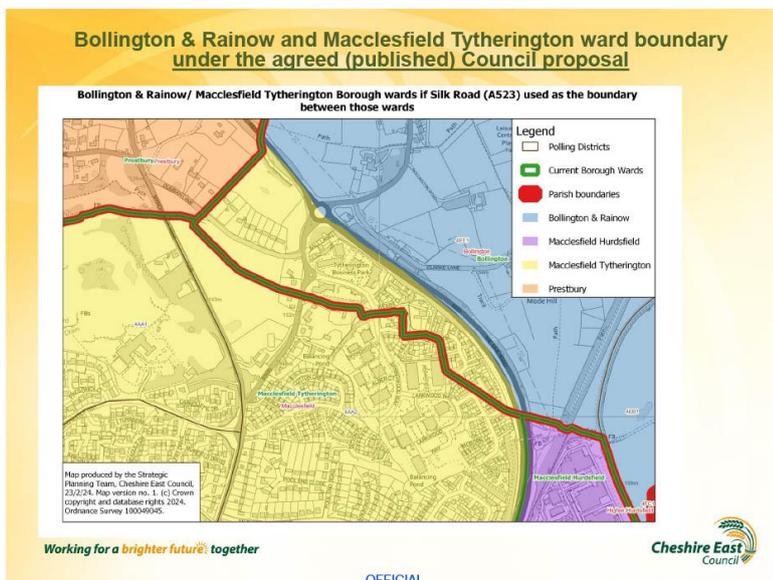
Macclesfield Town Council (MTC) is an amorphous mix of disparate wards: some the most deprived in Cheshire East; others affluent like Tytherington. Tytherington's voice is lost in the crossfire of competing MTC objectives. This point is not lost on existing Tytherington residents who sometimes voice on Facebook: why isn't Tytherington a parish like Bollington and Prestbury? Also, CEC recently conducted a *peoples survey* based on its wards: again, Tytherington's residents expressed their desire for it to be a parish. Tytherington certainly has the numbers (electors) to do it and HM Gov. promotes the idea of Parishes and localism. Tytherington could be a powerful and discerning voice for its community. But it isn't!

From DA's perspective, the bull-dozer effect of Macclesfield Town Council's sheer volume of councillors (12) has blasted through an indiscriminate and insensitive turf war which includes OUR DA Bollington members. We are but collateral damage to them. MTC wants possession of Bollington's Tytherington Business Village residents (70+ properties) and insists on taking OUR Bollington members (14 properties), outside of the TBV, with it!

DUMBAH ASSOCIATION: Why Prestbury instead of Bollington?

Why NOT should be the REAL QUESTION? How dare WE, question CEC's authority? This is the collective view of DA's Bollington residents and is best expressed by individual letters to LGBC.

CEC's POSITION: BOLLINGTON South of A523 -> TYTHERINGTON



FINALLY: THIS IS OUR POSITION

We respectfully request that LGBC consider OUR views.