

# Cheshire East

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**Related subject:** Knutsford Ward (Cheshire East Council)

Knutsford Town Council supports the proposal submitted by Cheshire East Council that:

- a) Knutsford Ward be wholly coterminous with the parish of Knutsford
- b) Knutsford be represented by a single ward electing three councillors

The recently completed community governance review amended our parish boundary to account for new development. Part of a new estate is currently split between two CEC wards (Knutsford and High Legh) which is not effective governance and will be confusing. Residents will be best represented with clear boundaries reflecting the community of the town.

It is our experience that having three members representing the whole town works well and delivers effective representation. It enables members to focus on policy areas (for example on highway matters affecting the town) rather than needing to be following every borough matter in a small area. This also ensures that the representative workload can be effectively shared, ensuring the town is represented in meetings regardless of health/holiday etc.

The Town Council would strongly object to any proposal which would require its internal warding arrangements to be dissected, or which splits the town into multiple borough wards.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*