

Cheshire East

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the submission of the Cheshire East Liberal Democrats to the Commission's consultation.

While we are aware that the consultation is closed, we were waiting for a response from the Council to a request for electorate data for polling districts we propose and considered proposing to split, which was necessary to complete the submission.

We hope that our proposals may still be considered.

Regards,
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Cheshire East Liberal Democrats

Attached Documents:

- cheshire-east-liberal-democrat-submission.pdf

Cheshire East Liberal Democrats

Submission to the Local Government Boundary
Commission for England consultation on ward
boundaries in Cheshire East

Introduction

The Cheshire East Liberal Democrats are keen to ensure that the LGBCE's current review of ward boundaries for Cheshire East Council produces electoral arrangements that:

- enable the Council to deliver public services effectively and efficiently.
- allow councillors to represent their constituents effectively.
- reflect the interests and identities of the Borough's communities.
- give electors a fair say in the Council's decision-making.

As such, we welcome the opportunity to submit our own proposals to the Commission's consultation.

This submission sets out the Liberal Democrat proposals for ward boundaries in Cheshire East and the principles used to develop them.

Section 2 outlines the principles used to develop these proposals.

Section 3 contains a table of electoral statistics for each proposed ward.

Section 4 provides detailed information on the areas covered by each ward and the reasons we recommend the boundaries and names.

Principles

In the development of these proposals, we have been mindful of the criteria laid out by the Commission, namely:

- Ensure that each local councillor represents a similar number of voters.
- Reflect the identity and interests of local communities.
- Promote effective and convenient local government.

These proposals reflect our best attempt to find a balance of these criteria.

For the first criterion, we set an absolute limit of 12% variance of the projected electors per councillor ratio of a ward for January 2030 from the mean for the whole Borough. Five of our proposed wards - Brereton, Crewe Grand Junction, Handforth, Nantwich West, and Shavington - have electors per councillor ratios which vary by more than 10.5%. The largest variance is that of Handforth, which is 11.99% below the Borough mean, and the electors per councillor ratios for the two proposed wards with the largest projected variances, Handforth and Crewe Grand Junction, are rapidly converging with the Borough mean.

For the four towns - Alsager, Knutsford, Middlewich, and Poynton - with projected 2030 electorates within 10% of three times the mean electors per councillor ratio, we have proposed a single 3-member ward for each town. We have sought to avoid 3-member wards elsewhere, and to propose single-member wards where possible, but, regrettably, have been unable to find a better solution in the western part of Macclesfield.

We have also sought, wherever possible, to align our proposed ward boundaries with parish boundaries and existing parish and town ward boundaries in order to reflect local community identity and promote effective and convenient local government.

Summary of Proposals

Ward name	Councillors	Electors, July 2023	Electors, January 2030	Electors per councillor, 2023	Electors per councillor, 2030	% variance, 2023	% variance, 2030
Alderley Edge	1	4,055	4,091	4,055	4,091	+6%	-1%
Alsager	3	11,567	12,503	3,855	4,168	+0%	+1%
Audlem	1	4,306	4,428	4,306	4,428	+12%	+8%
Bollington & Rainow	2	7,584	7,731	3,792	3,866	-1%	-6%
Brereton	1	3,825	4,582	3,825	4,582	-0%	+11%
Bunbury	1	4,101	4,286	4,101	4,286	+7%	+4%
Chelford	1	3,827	3,977	3,827	3,977	-0%	-3%
Congleton East	2	7,828	8,000	3,914	4,000	+2%	-3%
Congleton North	2	7,492	7,847	3,746	3,924	-2%	-5%
Congleton West	2	8,425	8,710	4,213	4,355	+10%	+6%
Crewe Alexandra	1	4,123	4,357	4,123	4,357	+7%	+6%
Crewe Coppenhall	2	8,457	8,564	4,229	4,282	+10%	+4%
Crewe Grand Junction	1	4,619	4,593	4,619	4,593	+20%	+12%
Crewe Maw Green	1	2,802	3,855	2,802	3,855	-27%	-6%

Crewe Queen's Park	1	3,879	3,915	3,879	3,915	+1%	-5%
Crewe St Barnabas	1	3,546	4,038	3,546	4,038	-8%	-2%
Crewe St John's	2	7,282	7,442	3,641	3,721	-5%	-10%
Crewe Waldron	1	4,226	4,231	4,226	4,231	+10%	+3%
Dane Valley	2	8,315	8,494	4,158	4,247	+8%	+3%
Disley	1	4,245	4,253	4,245	4,253	+11%	+3%
Elworth	2	7,783	8,071	3,892	4,036	+1%	-2%
Gawsworth	1	3,197	4,532	3,197	4,532	-17%	+10%
Handforth	2	5,881	7,241	2,941	3,621	-23%	-12%
Haslington	1	4,258	4,387	4,258	4,387	+11%	+7%
High Legh	1	3,647	3,704	3,647	3,704	-5%	-10%
Knutsford	3	10,413	11,639	3,471	3,880	-10%	-6%
Leighton	2	5,463	7,707	2,732	3,854	-29%	-6%
Macclesfield Central	2	7,380	7,640	3,690	3,820	-4%	-7%
Macclesfield East	1	3,620	4,106	3,620	4,106	-6%	-0%
Macclesfield Hurdsfield	1	4,042	4,024	4,042	4,024	+5%	-2%
Macclesfield South	2	6,686	8,055	3,343	4,028	-13%	-2%
Macclesfield Tytherington	2	7,525	7,947	3,763	3,974	-2%	-3%

Macclesfield West	3	12,909	13,488	4,303	4,496	+12%	+9%
Middlewich	3	11,301	12,626	3,767	4,209	-2%	+2%
Mobberley	1	3,948	3,980	3,948	3,980	+3%	-3%
Nantwich North	1	4,294	4,275	4,294	4,275	+12%	+4%
Nantwich South	1	4,285	4,286	4,285	4,286	+12%	+4%
Nantwich West	1	3,922	4,549	3,922	4,549	+2%	+11%
Odd Rode	2	7,597	7,696	3,799	3,848	-1%	-6%
Poynton	3	11,765	12,097	3,922	4,032	+2%	-2%
Prestbury	1	4,206	4,239	4,206	4,239	+10%	+3%
Sandbach Heath	1	4,195	4,539	4,195	4,539	+9%	+10%
Sandbach Town	1	4,264	4,280	4,264	4,280	+11%	+4%
Shavington	2	7,045	7,286	3,523	3,643	-8%	-11%
Stapeley	1	4,147	4,441	4,147	4,441	+8%	+8%
Sutton	1	2,855	3,774	2,855	3,774	-26%	-8%
Weston	1	2,117	4,286	2,117	4,286	-45%	+4%
Wheelock & Winterley	1	3,984	4,079	3,984	4,079	+4%	-1%
Wilmslow East	2	7,855	8,052	3,928	4,026	+2%	-2%
Wilmslow Lacey Green	1	3,684	3,758	3,684	3,758	-4%	-9%

Wilmslow West	2	8,762	8,882	4,381	4,441	+14%	+8%
Wistaston	2	9,006	9,027	4,503	4,514	+17%	+10%
Wrenbury	1	4,246	4,467	4,246	4,467	+11%	+9%
Wybunbury	1	3,895	4,282	3,895	4,282	+1%	+4%

Details of Proposals

Alsager

Area: Alsager parish.

Councillors: 3

Proposed wards: 1

Ward 1

Name: Alsager

Councillors: 3

January 2030 electorate: 12,503

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,168

Variance of ratio: +1%

Summary of area covered

The parish of Alsager.

Summary of proposed changes to present ward boundary

Addition of polling districts 2GDT (from the present Haslington ward) and LAWT (from the present Odd Rode ward).

Polling districts

2GDT, ALEA, ALEB, ALEC, ALED, ALEE, ALEF, ALEG, LAWT.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This proposal would align the Alsager ward boundary with those of Alsager parish, bringing the new housing developments on the east and west of the town within the ward. The new Western boundary along the M6 motorway would form a much stronger boundary than the existing one, and aligning the ward and parish boundaries would promote effective and convenient local government. With a variance of just +1% in 2030, this also provides for good electoral equality.

Congleton Rural

Area: Congleton parliamentary constituency for the next election, excluding the parishes of Alsager, Congleton, Hulme Walfield, Middlewich, Moston, Sandbach, Somerford Booths, Swettenham, and Warmingham.

Councillors: 5

Proposed wards: 3

Ward 2

Name: Brereton

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,582

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,582

Variance of ratio: +11%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Arclid, Bradwall, Brereton, Smallwood, and Somerford.

Summary of proposed changes to present ward boundary

Removal of the parishes of Betchton, Hassall, Hulme Walfield, Moston, Somerford Booths, Swettenham, and Warmingham and polling districts BRET (in the parish of Middlewich) and BRET2 (in the parish of Sandbach).

Addition of polling district COWT (from the present Congleton West ward).

Polling districts

AST3, AST6, BRE1, BRE2, BRE3, COWT.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present Brereton Rural ward is very oversized. The removal of polling districts BRET and BRET2 and addition of polling district COWT serve to align the ward boundaries with parish boundaries, which would promote effective and convenient local government.

Removing the three parishes north of the River Dane (Hulme Walfield, Somerford Booths, and Swettenham) would leave the river as a strong natural boundary for the ward. Likewise, the boundaries between Bradwall and Sandbach and between Bradwall and Moston parishes follow a brook which flows immediately parallel to the Sandbach to Northwich railway line. The only access across this boundary consists of two footpaths which involve walking across the tracks and a private farm drive which does not connect to the road network on the Bradwall side. This is not conducive to effective and convenient local government. The southern boundary of the ward (with the Odd Rode ward) would, from Sandbach, pass through an area with no road access across and then follow the A50 before following the current ward boundary to Congleton.

The settlements of Brereton and Somerford are adjacent and, while mostly in Brereton parish, include some residences in Somerford parish. In addition, the consultation on the Community Governance Review (CGR) showed that residents in the newer housing developments in the south-east of Somerford parish, including in COWT, which was part of Congleton until the implementation of the final recommendations of the CGR, have a strong rural/semi-rural identity and do not see themselves as part of Congleton.

Arclid and Smallwood both have strong ties to Brereton, with the boundary between Smallwood and Odd parishes having no road access across, compared to the three roads connecting Smallwood to Brereton. Bradwall has links to both Brereton and Sandbach Town, and we propose that it remain in the Brereton ward due to its rural nature.

This proposal would leave a compact and well-connected Brereton ward in the area between Sandbach, Congleton, and Holmes Chapel that a single councillor could easily work with, promoting effective and convenient local government.

Ward 3

Name: Dane Valley

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 8,494

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,247

Variance of ratio: +3%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Cranage, Goostrey, Holmes Chapel, and Twemlow.

Summary of proposed changes to present ward boundary

None.

Polling districts

DAN1, DAN2, DAN3, DAN5, HCE1, HCE2, HCE3, HCE4.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

Cranage, Goostrey, and Twemlow have strong links to Holmes Chapel provided by the A50 for Cranage, the A535 for Twemlow, and the Crewe to Manchester railway line for Goostrey, and to each other via various local roads. The three parishes north of the Dane are also reliant on Holmes Chapel for various services and amenities.

The present ward works well for all 3 criteria, and has a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 which varies by just 3% from the Borough mean. As such, we are proposing no changes to the present ward.

Ward 4

Name: Odd Rode

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 7,696

Electors per councillor ratio: 3,848

Variance of ratio: -6%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Betchton, Church Lawton, Hassall, Moreton cum Alcumlow, Newbold Astbury, and Odd Rode.

Summary of proposed changes to present ward boundary

Addition of the parishes of Betchton and Hassall.

Removal of polling district LAW1 (in the parish of Alsager).

Polling districts

AST1, AST2, LAW1, LAW2, LAW3, LAW4, ORD1, ORD2, ORD3, ORD5.

Reasons for the proposed boundary changes

The present ward's electors per councillor ratio is projected to be 15% below the Borough mean by 2030.

The present ward's four parishes are all connected by the A34 and the main population centres - Church Lawton, Rode Heath, and Scholar Green - are all at the western end of the ward. Betchton and Hassall parishes, which should be warded together as the main settlement in both parishes - Malkins Bank - straddles the parish boundary, have strong connections to Church Lawton and Rode Heath. The inclusion of these parishes would bring the wards projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 up to 6% below the Borough mean, providing for good electoral equality.

Congleton Town

Area: Congleton parish and part of Hulme Walfield parish south of Wolstenholme Elmy way and east of Giantswood Lane.

Councillors: 6

Proposed wards: 3

We attempted to draw a scheme of single-member wards for this area, but were unable to do so while keeping the town's constituent communities intact. Additionally, Congleton's electorate necessitates the inclusion of part or all of a neighbouring parish or parishes in a Congleton ward. This part of Hulme Walfield was chosen for reasons outlined in the section on the proposed Congleton North ward.

Ward 5

Name: Congleton East

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 8,000

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,000

Variance of ratio: -3%

Summary of area covered

The South East town council ward of Congleton and the area of the North East town council ward of Congleton east of Dane-in-Shaw Brook.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Removal of the area of the North East town council ward west of Dane-in-Shaw Brook.

Addition of polling district 4GCT2 (from the present Gawsorth ward).

Loss of a councillor.

Polling districts

4GCT2, COB1, COB2, COS1, COS2, COS3, COS4.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This ward would contain the Buglawton and Mossley communities of Congleton, as well as the rural communities to the east of the town, which are historically linked to Buglawton and have current links to both Buglawton and Mossley.

The inclusion of polling district 4GCT2 would align the ward with the parish boundary, providing for effective and convenient local government. Dane-in-Shaw Brook provides a strong, identifiable boundary, and the rest of the boundaries of the ward follow current town council ward boundaries.

The ward has a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 that is just 3% below the Borough mean, providing for good electoral equality.

Ward 6

Name: Congleton North

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 7,847

Electors per councillor ratio: 3,924

Variance of ratio: -5%

Summary of area covered

The North town council ward of Congleton, the area of the North East town council ward of Congleton west of Dane-in-Shaw Brook, and the area of Hulme Walfield parish south of Wolstenholme Elmy way and east of Giantswood Lane.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

New ward.

Polling districts

4GCT, AST4 (part - south of Wolstenholme Elmy Way and east of Giantswood Lane), CNW2, CNW3, COCT, CON1, CON2, CON3.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This ward would contain the Bromley Farm and Lower Heath communities of Congleton, as well as the Bath Vale area, which is connected to Bromley Farm, the Obelisk Way estate, and the parts of the parish of Hulme Walfield that form a part of the urban area of Congleton.

The housing developments to be built in the area of Hulme Walfield parish to the west of Giantswood Lane will be separated from the urban area of Congleton by the River Dane to the west, Congleton Business Park to the south, and Westlow Mere to the east.

Vic Brown, outgoing Chair of Hulme Walfield and Somerford Booths Parish Council, supports this proposal as he feels that it would result in better representation for Hulme Walfield.

This ward has a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 that is 5% below the Borough mean, which provides for good electoral equality.

Ward 7

Name: Congleton West

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 8,710

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,355

Variance of ratio: +6%

Summary of area covered

The Central and West town council wards of Congleton.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Removal of the North town council ward and polling district COWT (in the parish of Somerford).

Loss of a councillor.

Polling districts

COC1, COC2, COC3, COW1, COW2, COW3, COW4.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This ward would contain Congleton town centre and the West Heath community, which have a strong connection to each other via West Road.

This ward's projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 is 6% above the Borough mean, which provides for good electoral equality, and it covers the whole areas of two current town council wards, which promotes effective and convenient local government.

Crewe

Area: Crewe parish.

Councillors: 10

Proposed wards: 8

We attempted to draw a scheme of single-member wards for this area, and were successful in six wards. However, in other areas we found ourselves unable to achieve this.

Ward 8

Name: Crewe Alexandra

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,357

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,357

Variance of ratio: +6%

Summary of area covered

The area of Crewe west of the West Coast Mainline and south of Nantwich Road, inclusive of some of the houses on the north side.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

New ward.

Polling districts

1DA1, 1DB1, 1DC1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

For the vast majority of the existence of Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council, this area, alongside the Gresty Brook parish ward of Shavington, formed a ward by the name of Alexandra.

This ward has clear, identifiable boundaries following the West Coast Mainline, Nantwich Road, and Gresty Brook. Its inclusion of only areas within one parish would provide for

effective and convenient local government, and its projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 is 6% above the Borough mean, which provides for good electoral equality.

Ward 9

Name: Crewe Coppenhall

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 8,564

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,282

Variance of ratio: +4%

Summary of area covered

The Central and North town council wards of Crewe.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Merger of the present single-member Crewe Central ward and single-member Crewe North ward into a 2-member ward.

Polling districts

1AB1, 1AE1, 1AF1, 1CB1, 1CB2, 1CC2.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present Crewe Central ward has an electors per seat ratio that is more than 20% above the Borough mean and which is expected to still be more than 20% above by 2030. In contrast, the electors per councillor ratio of the present Crewe North ward, which is already 6% below the Borough mean, is projected to be 13% below by 2030.

We attempted to find a new dividing line for single-member wards, but no adequate line could be found, and we therefore propose a 2-member ward for this area. This proposed ward's electors per councillor ratio for 2030 is projected to be 4% above the Borough mean, delivering good electoral equality. We propose naming this ward Crewe Coppenhall, for the ancient parish covering much of the modern area of Crewe that this ward sits at the centre of, and for a former Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council ward covering much of the area of this proposed ward.

Ward 10

Name: Crewe Grand Junction

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,593

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,593

Variance of ratio: +12%

Summary of area covered

The area of Crewe between the West Coast Mainline and the railway to Manchester, south of Broad Street, Remer Street, and Sydney Road, exclusive of the houses on the west (south) side of Sydney Road.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

New ward.

Polling districts

1AC1, 1AD1, 1CD1 (part - south of Broad Street), 1CE1, 1CF1 (part - south of Remer Street).

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present Crewe East ward is overly large, spanning a geographically wide and diverse area covering various communities and the large business park and industrial estate areas. As such, it does not enable effective and convenient local government and must be divided into smaller, more manageable areas.

The area to the north and east of Remer Street and Sydney Road consists mostly of new developments, while more established communities lie to the south. The railway lines also form strong identifiable boundaries.

Ward 11

Name: Crewe Maw Green

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 3,855

Electors per councillor ratio: 3,855

Variance of ratio: -6%

Summary of area covered

The area of Crewe east of the West Coast Mainline and north of Broad Street, Remer Street, Sydney Road, and the southern boundary of Local Plan site LPS7, inclusive of the houses on the west (south) side of Sydney Road to the west of the railway to Manchester.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

New ward.

Polling districts

1CD1 (part - north of Broad Street), 1CF1 (part - north of Remer Street), 1DF2 (part - north of Sydney Road and the southern boundary of Local Plan site LPS7).

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present Crewe East ward is overly large, spanning a geographically wide and diverse area covering various communities and the large business park and industrial estate areas. As such, it does not enable effective and convenient local government and must be divided into smaller, more manageable areas.

The area to the north and east of Remer Street and Sydney Road consists mostly of new developments, while more established communities lie to the south. The development on Local Plan site LPS 7 is more similar to the Maw Green properties than to the established residential areas to its south, and thus the proposed placement of the Maw Green and LPS 7 areas in a Crewe Maw Green ward would better reflect local communities' identities and interests whilst reducing councillors' overall workloads.

This ward's projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 is 6% below the Borough mean, which provides good electoral equality.

Ward 12

Name: Crewe Queen's Park

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 3,915

Electors per councillor ratio: 3,915

Variance of ratio: -5%

Summary of area covered

An area of Crewe surrounding Queen's Park.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

New ward.

Polling districts

1BA1, 1BAR, 1BB2, 1BF1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This proposed ward covers the parts of Wistaston Green and Woolstanwood which fall within the Crewe town boundary, as well as the area along Victoria Avenue. These areas are connected by Queen's Park, which sits at the centre of the proposed ward, and the railway to Chester forms a strong, identifiable northern boundary.

With a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 that is 5% below the Borough mean, this proposal provides for good electoral equality.

Ward 13

Name: Crewe St Barnabas

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,038

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,038

Variance of ratio: -2%

Summary of area covered

The St Barnabas town council ward of Crewe.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

None.

Polling districts

1BE1, 1BER, 1CA1

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present Crewe St Barnabas ward is well established and, with a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 that is just 2% below the Borough average, provides for excellent electoral equality.

Ward 14

Name: Crewe St John's

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 7,442

Electors per councillor ratio: 3,721

Variance of ratio: -10%

Summary of area covered

An area of Crewe between Nantwich Road and Valley Brook.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

New ward.

Polling districts

1BC1, 1BD1, 1BD2, 1BD3, 1DD1, 1DE1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This proposed ward would have strong, identifiable boundaries formed by Nantwich Road to the south and the railway to Chester and Valley Brook to the north. It also has a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 that is 10% below the Borough mean, providing good electoral equality.

Ward 15

Name: Crewe Waldron

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,231

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,231

Variance of ratio: +3%

Summary of area covered

The area of Crewe east of the West Coast Mainline and the railway to Manchester, and south of Sydney Road and the southern boundary of Local Plan site LPS7.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

New ward.

Polling districts

1DF1, 1DF2 (part - south of Sydney Road and the southern boundary of Local Plan site LPS7), 1DF3, 1DG1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present Crewe East ward is overly large, spanning a geographically wide and diverse area covering various communities and the large business park and industrial estate areas. As such, it does not enable effective and convenient local government and must be divided into smaller, more manageable areas.

The railway lines form strong identifiable boundaries, while the development on Local Plan site LPS 7 is more similar to the Maw Green properties than to the established residential areas to its south, and thus placing LPS 7 areas in a Crewe Maw Green ward would better reflect local communities' identities and interests whilst reducing councillors' overall workloads.

If all of polling district 1DF2 were to be included in this ward, its electors per councillor ratio would be 20% above the Borough mean by 2030. Therefore, the inclusion of this area in the proposed Crewe Maw Green ward delivers better electoral equality, with the resulting ward having a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 just 3% below the Borough mean.

Eddisbury Rural

Area: the Cheshire East portion of the Eddisbury parliamentary constituency for the 2010-19 elections, excluding Leighton and Minshull Vernon parishes, and polling district 3FBT of Nantwich.

Councillors: 3

Proposed wards: 3

Ward 16

Name: Audlem

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,428

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,428

Variance of ratio: +8%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Audlem, Austerson, Baddington, Broomhall, Buerton, Coole Pilate, Dodcott cum Wilkesley, Hankelow, Newhall, and Sound.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

None.

Polling districts

1FH1, 1FH6, 1GK1, 3EA1, 3EL1, 3EU6, 3EV6, 3EW6, 3FH3, 3FH4, 3FH7.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The other parishes in this ward are dependent upon Audlem for various services and amenities. The River Weaver and Birchall Brook provide a strong, identifiable eastern boundary, which is only crossed by one road in its entire length, while the western boundary shadows the Crewe to Shrewsbury railway.

The ward has a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 which is 8% above the Borough mean, which provides for good electoral equality.

Ward 17

Name: Bunbury

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,286

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,286

Variance of ratio: +4%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Alpraham & Calveley, Aston juxta Mondrum, Brindley, Bunbury, Cholmondeston, Church Minshull, Haughton, Peckforton, Poole, Spurstow, Stoke & Hurleston, Wardle, Wettenhall, and Worleston.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Removal of the parish of Minshull Vernon, and polling districts 3FA5, 3FA7 (both in the parish of Burland & Acton), and 3FBT (in the parish of Nantwich).

Addition of the parishes of Brindley, Haughton, Peckforton, and Spurstow.

Polling districts

3EB1, 3ED1, 3EF1, 3EH6, 3EJ6, 3EJ7, 3EK6, 3EM6, 3EN6, 3EN7, 3EP6, 3EP7, 3ES1, 3FB7, 3FB8, 3FB9.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

Minshull Vernon is proposed to be removed as it is quite distant from the other parishes in the ward, and has closer links to Leighton and Woolstanwood, with which it shares a parish council. Acton is proposed to be removed to unite the parish of Burland and Acton in a single ward. Polling district 3FBT is proposed to be removed as it is part of Nantwich.

Haughton, Spurstow, and Peckforton all have substantial ties to Bunbury, on which they depend for various services and amenities. Brindley is necessary to be added in order to bring the Wrenbury ward's electors per councillor ratio more in line with the Borough mean.

The proposed ward would have a strong eastern boundary composed of the River Weaver and the Middlewich branch of the Shropshire Union Canal, as well as keeping all of the connected communities along the A51 north of Nantwich in a single ward.

With its projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 having a variance of just 4%, it provides for good electoral equality.

Ward 18

Name: Wrenbury

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,467

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,467

Variance of ratio: +9%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Baddiley, Bickerton, Bulkeley & Ridley, Burland & Acton, Cholmondeley, Chorley, Egerton, Faddiley, Marbury & District, and Wrenbury cum Frith, and polling district 3FAT from Nantwich.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Addition of polling districts 3FA5 and 3FA7 (from the present Bunbury ward).

Removal of the parishes of Brindley, Haughton, Peckforton, and Spurstow.

Polling districts

3EC1, 3EC2, 3EC8, 3EE1, 3EET, 3EG1, 3EK7, 3EO6, 3EQ1, 3ER6, 3ER8, 3ER9, 3ET1, 3FA5, 3FA6, 3FA7, 3FH8, 3FHT.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This ward is centred around the communities along the A534 and those to the south surrounding Wrenbury. Uniting the parish of Burland and Acton in a single ward serves to promote effective and convenient local government, as well as bringing two very closely linked communities together.

Peckforton, Haughton, and Spurstow have much closer ties to Bunbury than to this area. Regrettably, we also found it necessary to propose the transfer of the parish of Brindley, part of this core along the A534, to the Bunbury ward in order to bring this ward's electors per councillor ratio closer to the Borough mean.

The southern boundary of the ward shadows the Crewe to Shrewsbury railway, which provides for a good boundary.

Gawsworth and Sutton

Area: Bosley, Eaton, Henbury, Lower Withington, Macclesfield Forest & Wildboarclough, Marton, North Rode, Siddington, Somerford Booths, Sutton, Swettenham, and Wincle parishes, the remainder of Hulme Walfield parish not included in the Congleton Town area, and the Village parish ward of Gawsworth.

Councillors: 2

Proposed wards: 2

Ward 19

Name: Gawsworth

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,532

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,532

Variance of ratio: +10%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Eaton, Henbury, Lower Withington, Marton, North Rode, Siddington, Somerford Booths, and Swettenham, the remainder of the parish of Hulme Walfield not included in the proposed Congleton North ward, and the Village parish ward of Gawsworth.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Addition of the parishes of Somerford Booths and Swettenham, and the parish of Hulme Walfield, exclusive of the area south of Wolstenholme Elmy Way and east of Giantswood Lane.

Removal of the parish of Bosley and polling districts 4GCT, 4GCT2 (both in Congleton parish), and 4GDT (in the Moss parish ward of Gawsworth).

Polling districts

4GC1, 4GD1, 4GE1, 4GF6, 4GH6, 4GJ6, 4GN1, AST4 (part - excluding area south of Wolstenholme Elmy Way and east of Giantswood Lane), AST5, DAN4.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This ward would cover a rural area between Macclesfield and Congleton. The addition of the parishes of Somerford Booths and Swettenham, as well as the parts of Hulme Walfield included, would leave the River Dane as a strong, identifiable south-western boundary for the ward.

The housing developments to be built in the area of Hulme Walfield parish to the west of Giantswood Lane will be separated from the urban area of Congleton by the River Dane to the west, Congleton Business Park to the south, and Westlow Mere to the east, while the area to the east of Giantswood Lane forms part of the urban area of Congleton.

Vic Brown, outgoing Chair of Hulme Walfield and Somerford Booths Parish Council, supports this proposal as he feels that it would result in better representation for Hulme Walfield.

The existing houses in the Moss parish ward of Gawsworth, which are already included in the Macclesfield South ward, form part of the urban area of Macclesfield, as will the developments in polling district 4GDT, which is local plan site LPS15. Placing these together in the Macclesfield South ward also provides for better electoral equality for both wards.

It is necessary to transfer the parish of Bosley to the Sutton ward to provide for better electoral equality for both wards. Bosley is connected to Lyme Green via the A523 and to Wincle and Wildboarclough via the A54.

Further transferring the parish of North Rode would further improve electoral equality, but we are not proposing this as North Rode has close links to Gawsworth and Eaton, and little to no connection to the core area of the Sutton ward. This also results in the Macclesfield Canal forming a strong, identifiable ward boundary.

Ward 20

Name: Sutton

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 3,774

Electors per councillor ratio: 3,774

Variance of ratio: -8%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Bosley, Macclesfield Forest & Wildboarclough, Sutton, and Wincle.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Removal of the parish of Rainow.

Addition of the parish of Bosley.

Polling districts

4CC1, 4GA1, 4GG6, 4GK1, 4GK6, 4GL6, 4GM6, 4GO1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present Sutton ward is projected to have an electors per councillor ratio 11% above the Borough mean by 2030. The parish of Rainow is distant from and ill-connected to the core of the Sutton ward, and is thus the best parish to remove.

As this would now leave the ward with a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 significantly lower than the Borough mean, it is necessary to transfer the parish of Bosley to the Sutton ward to provide for better electoral equality for both wards. Bosley is connected to Lyme Green via the A523 and to Wincle and Wildboarclough via the A54.

Further transferring the parish of North Rode would further improve electoral equality, but we are not proposing this as North Rode has close links to Gawsorth and Eaton, and little to no connection to the core area of the Sutton ward. This also results in the Macclesfield Canal forming a strong, identifiable ward boundary.

Knutsford

Area: Knutsford parish.

Councillors: 3

Proposed wards: 1

Ward 21

Name: Knutsford

Councillors: 3
January 2030 electorate: 11,639
Electors per councillor ratio: 3,880
Variance of ratio: -6%

Summary of area covered

The parish of Knutsford.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Addition of polling districts 3CMT (from the present Mobberley ward) and 3CVT (from the present High Legh ward).

Polling districts

3BA1, 3BAR, 3BART, 3BAT, 3BB1, 3BBR, 3BC1, 3BD1, 3BDT, 3BE1, 3BF1,
3BF2, 3CMT, 3CVT.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This proposal would align the Knutsford ward boundary with those of Knutsford parish, bringing the whole of the Longridge Trading Estate and a housing development on the western edge of the town within the ward.

Leighton

Area: Leighton, Minshull Vernon, and Woolstanwood parishes.
Councillors: 2
Proposed wards: 1

Ward 22

Name: Leighton
Councillors: 2
January 2030 electorate: 7,707
Electors per councillor ratio: 3,854
Variance of ratio: -6%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Leighton, Minshull Vernon, and Woolstanwood.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Addition of the parishes of Minshull Vernon and Woolstanwood.

Addition of a second councillor.

Polling districts

1FJ1, 1FJ4, 3FJ2, 3FJ3, 3FJ5, 3FJ6, 3FJ7.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present borough ward has a projected 2030 electorate far too high for a single-member ward and far too low for 2 councillors. Addition of the parishes of Minshull Vernon and Woolstanwood makes the most sense to fix this as all three of these parishes are connected along the A530 and share a parish council. This would provide for good electoral equality as the proposed ward has a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 that is 6% below the Borough mean.

Macclesfield Constituency North

Area: Adlington, Bollington, Disley, Kettleshulme & Lyme Handley, Mottram St Andrew, Pott Shrigley, Prestbury, and Rainow parishes.

Councillors: 4

Proposed wards: 3

Ward 23

Name: Bollington and Rainow

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 7,731

Electors per councillor ratio: 3,866

Variance of ratio: -6%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Bollington, Pott Shrigley, and Rainow.

Summary of proposed changes to present ward boundary

Removal of the parish of Higher Hurdsfield.

Addition of the parishes of Pott Shrigley and Rainow.

Polling districts

4EA1, 4EB1, 4EC1, 4ED1, 4EDT, 4EE1, 4FE2, 4FF1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The population of the parish of Higher Hurdsfield is concentrated in an area adjacent to the Hurdsfield ward of Macclesfield, with which it is connected by road and which has a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 that is 17% below the Borough mean, which with the addition of the parish of Higher Hurdsfield becomes just 2% below.

Keeping the boundary with the Macclesfield Tytherington ward following the parish boundary, as at present, promotes effective and convenient local government.

Bringing the parishes of Pott Shrigley and Rainow into the ward brings the projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 up to 6% below the Borough mean, while including communities with strong ties to Bollington into the same ward. The village of Pott Shrigley itself is adjacent to Bollington and the only road access to the Ingersley Vale area of Rainow parish is from Bollington.

Ward 24

Name: Disley

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,253

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,253

Variance of ratio: +3%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Disley and Kettleshulme & Lyme Handley.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Addition of the parish of Kettleshulme and Lyme Handley.

Polling districts

4FA1, 4FB1, 4B2, 4FB6, 4FD1, 4FD7.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The addition of the parish of Kettleshulme and Lyme Handley would bring the projected variance of the electors per councillor ratio for 2030 up from -6% to +3%, and would allow the creation of a Poynton ward coterminous with the parish of Poynton with Worth.

Additionally, the population of the parish is concentrated in the east of the parish in and around Kettleshulme, whose only road connections within Cheshire East are to Disley and Rainow.

Ward 25

Name: Prestbury

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,239

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,239

Variance of ratio: +3%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Adlington, Mottram St Andrew, and Prestbury.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Removal of the parish of Over Alderley.

Addition of the parish of Adlington.

Polling districts

4HE1, 4HE2, 4HF1, 4HF2, 4HF3, 4JA1, 4JB1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The parish of Over Alderley has links to the neighbouring parish of Nether Alderley to its west (see proposed Chelford ward for details), and thus we propose to remove it. The three parishes of Prestbury, Mottram St Andrew, and Adlington are well connected to each other by road and Prestbury and Adlington also by rail. They were previously included in the same Macclesfield Borough Council ward. Adlington's ties to Prestbury are further evidenced in the responses to the previous (2009-10) ward boundary review.

Macclesfield Town

Area: Higher Hurdsfield and Macclesfield parishes and the Moss parish ward of Gawsorth.

Councillors: 11

Proposed wards: 6

Ward 26

Name: Macclesfield Central

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 7,640

Electors per councillor ratio: 3,820

Variance of ratio: -7%

Summary of area covered

The Central town council ward of Macclesfield.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

None.

Polling districts

4BA1, 4BA2, 4BB1, 4BB2, 4BBR, 4CD1, 4CE1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present ward has strong, identifiable boundaries formed by the Silk Road and the railway to the east, the A537 to the north, and Oxford Road to the west, as well as a southern boundary with no road access across most of its length.

With a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 that is 7% below the Borough mean, the present ward boundary provides for good electoral equality and thus we are proposing no change.

Ward 27

Name: Macclesfield East

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,106

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,106

Variance of ratio: -0%

Summary of area covered

The East town council ward of Macclesfield.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

None.

Polling districts

4CF1, 4CG1, 4CH1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present ward has a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 within half a percent of the Borough mean, providing excellent electoral equality. It is bounded to the west by the Silk Road and the railway, and consists of housing of a different character and has no notable connection to the Hurdsfield area to the north. We therefore propose no change to the present boundary.

Ward 28

Name: Macclesfield Hurdsfield

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,024

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,024

Variance of ratio: -2%

Summary of area covered

The parish of Higher Hurdsfield and the Hurdsfield town council ward of Macclesfield.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Addition of the parish of Higher Hurdsfield.

Polling districts

4AB1, 4AB2, 4AB3, 4FC1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present ward's projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 is 17% below the Borough mean. The Silk Road provides a strong, identifiable boundary to the west and it consists of housing of a different character and has no notable connection to the area to its south.

The population of the parish of Higher Hurdsfield is concentrated in an area adjacent to the present ward, with which it is connected by road and which has a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 that is 17% below the Borough mean, which with the addition of the parish of Higher Hurdsfield becomes just 2% below.

Ward 29

Name: Macclesfield South

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 8,055

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,028

Variance of ratio: -2%

Summary of area covered

The Moss parish ward of Gawsworth and the South town council ward of Macclesfield.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Addition of polling district 4GDT.

Polling districts

4BF2, 4BFR, 4CA1, 4CAR, 4CB1, 4CBR, 4GDT.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

Polling district 4GDT consists of Local Plan site LPS15, which is intended to meet Macclesfield's housing needs and once developed will form a part of Macclesfield's urban area. This proposed boundary provides for good electoral equality, with a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 that is just 2% below the Borough mean.

Ward 30

Name: Macclesfield Tytherington

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 7,947

Electors per councillor ratio: 3,974

Variance of ratio: -3%

Summary of area covered

The Tytherington town council ward of Macclesfield.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

None.

Polling districts

4AA1, 4AA2, 4AA3, 4AA4, 4AAR, 4AC1, 4AE1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present ward's projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 is just 3% below the Borough mean, providing good electoral equality. We are therefore proposing no change to the present ward boundary.

Ward 31

Name: Macclesfield West

Councillors: 3

January 2030 electorate: 13,488

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,496

Variance of ratio: +9%

Summary of area covered

The Broken Cross & Upton and West & Ivy town council wards of Macclesfield.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Merger of the present 2-member Broken Cross & Upton and 2-member Macclesfield West & Ivy ward into a 3-member ward.

Addition of polling district 4GET (from the present Gawsworth ward).

Polling districts

4AD1, 4AD2, 4AD3, 4AF1, 4AF2, 4AF3, 4BC1, 4BD1, 4BE1, 4BF1, 4GET.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present wards both have projected 2030 electorates far too small for 2 councillors yet far too large for one councillor. Regrettably, we could not find a reasonable way to divide this area, and thus have no choice but to propose a single 3-member ward, which we had hoped to avoid. Realigning the ward boundary with the parish boundary serves to promote effective and convenient local government. This proposed ward contains the whole of the communities of Broken Cross, Upton, and Weston and the part of the community of Ivy north of Ivy Lane.

Middlewich

Area: Middlewich parish.

Councillors: 3

Proposed wards: 1

Ward 32

Name: Middlewich

Councillors: 3

January 2030 electorate: 12,626

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,209

Variance of ratio: +2%

Summary of area covered

The parish of Middlewich.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Addition of polling district BRET (from the present Brereton Rural ward).

Polling districts

BRET, MIAA, MIAB, MIAC, MIAE, MIAF, MIAG, MIAH, MIAJ.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This proposal would align the Middlewich ward boundary with those of Middlewich parish, bringing a housing development on the southern edge of the town within the ward.

Nantwich

Area: Nantwich parish, exclusive of polling district 3FAT.

Councillors: 3

Proposed wards: 3

Ward 33

Name: Nantwich North

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,275

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,275

Variance of ratio: +4%

Summary of area covered

The North town council ward of Nantwich.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

New ward.

Polling districts

1NA0, 1NA3, 1NA6, 1NAC.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This proposal would make the ward coterminous with the town council ward, providing for effective and convenient local government. The River Weaver and Crewe Road provide strong, identifiable boundaries to the west and south. The ward's projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 is just 4% above the Borough mean, providing good electoral equality.

Ward 34

Name: Nantwich South

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,286

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,286

Variance of ratio: +4%

Summary of area covered

The South town council ward of Nantwich.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

New ward.

Polling districts

1NA4, 1NA5, 1NAR.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This proposal would make the ward coterminous with the town council ward, providing for effective and convenient local government. The River Weaver and Crewe Road provide strong, identifiable boundaries to the west and north. The ward's projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 is just 4% above the Borough mean, providing good electoral equality.

Ward 35

Name: Nantwich West

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,549

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,549

Variance of ratio: +11%

Summary of area covered

The West town council ward of Nantwich, exclusive of polling district 3FAT.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

New ward.

Polling districts

1NA1, 1NA2, 3FBT.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This area of Nantwich is largely separated from the rest of the town by the River Weaver, which will form a strong, identifiable eastern boundary for the ward. The northern and western boundaries of the ward will follow parish boundaries. In the interest of electoral equality, we are proposing that the estate comprising polling district 3FAT remain in the Wrenbury ward, as at present.

Poynton

Area: Poynton with Worth parish.

Councillors: 3

Proposed wards: 1

Ward 36

Name: Poynton

Councillors: 3

January 2030 electorate: 12,097

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,032

Variance of ratio: -2%

Summary of area covered

The parish of Poynton with Worth.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

New ward.

Polling districts

4JC1, 4JC2, 4JD1, 4JDR, 4JE1, 4JF1, 4JG1, 4JG2, 4JH1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This proposed ward would be coterminous with the parish of Poynton with Worth, reflecting community ties and promoting effective and convenient local government. Its projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 is just 2 below the Borough mean, providing good electoral equality.

Sandbach and Haslington

Area: Barthomley, Haslington, Moston, Sandbach, Warmingham, and Weston parishes.

Councillors: 7

Proposed wards: 6

Ward 37

Name: Elworth

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 8,071

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,036

Variance of ratio: -2%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Moston and Warmingham, the Elworth town council ward of Sandbach, and polling district SAW3 (Ettiley Heath).

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Addition of the parishes of Moston and Warmingham, and polling districts BRET2 (in the present Brereton Rural ward) and SAW3 (in the present Sandbach Ettiley Heath & Wheelock ward).

Addition of a councillor.

Polling districts

3FK6, BRE4, BRET2, SAN3, SAW1, SAW2, SAW3.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present Sandbach Elworth ward has a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 that is 29% above the Borough mean. We consider that single-member wards in this area would necessitate splitting Elworth, and therefore propose a 2-member ward.

Elworth and Ettiley Heath form a single urban area, and while the Albion Lock development (in BRET2) is somewhat distant from Elworth, it is part of the Elworth town council ward and is more connected to Elworth than to anywhere else.

The parishes of Moston and Warmingham are well connected to each other, but Warmingham has no road access to the parish of Minshull Vernon to its west and Moston has no road access to the parish of Bradwall to its north-east.

The boundaries between Bradwall and Sandbach and between Bradwall and Moston parishes follow a brook which flows immediately parallel to the Sandbach to Northwich railway line. The only access across this boundary consists of two footpaths which involve walking across the tracks and a private farm drive which does not connect to the road network on the Bradwall side. This is not conducive to effective and convenient local government.

The only area to which both parishes have a significant connection is Elworth, and we therefore propose that they be included in the same ward.

The proposed ward's projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 is just 2% below the Borough mean, providing for good electoral equality.

Ward 38

Name: Haslington

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,387

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,387

Variance of ratio: +7%

Summary of area covered

The Oakhanger and Village parish wards of Haslington.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Present 2-member Haslington ward to be divided into single-member Haslington and Weston wards along the southern boundary of Haslington parish.

Removal of polling districts 2GDT (in Alsager parish) and 2GE1 (in the Winterley parish ward of Haslington).

Polling districts

2GC1, 2GC2, 2GC3, 2GD1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present Haslington ward has a projected 2030 electorate too large for 2 councillors and too small for 3 councillors. As the present ward covers an extensive geographic area, and thus we consider it expedient to divide it into smaller single-member wards.

The removal of polling district 2GDT would realign the boundary with the Alsager ward to the parish boundary following the Community Governance review, and place the boundary along the M6.

While Haslington has a number of key services of its own, and Oakhanger residents depend on these, residents of the Winterley parish ward tend to use key services in Sandbach instead. We therefore propose to remove polling district 2GE1, which is the part of the Winterley parish ward which is in the present Haslington ward.

Ward 39

Name: Sandbach Heath

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,539

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,539

Variance of ratio: +10%

Summary of area covered

The Sandbach Heath and East town council ward of Sandbach.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

None.

Polling districts

SAE1, SAE3, SAEC.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The Sandbach bypass (Old Mill Road) divides the ward from Sandbach town centre and thus provides a strong, identifiable boundary with the Sandbach Town ward. As the present ward's projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 is within 10.5% of the Borough mean, we propose no change.

Ward 40

Name: Sandbach Town

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,280

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,280

Variance of ratio: +4%

Summary of area covered

The Town town council ward of Sandbach.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

None.

Polling districts

SAE2, SAN1, SAN2

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The Sandbach bypass (Old Mill Road) divides Sandbach town centre from the Sandbach Heath area and the area along Crewe Road and thus provides a strong, identifiable boundary with the Sandbach Heath ward. Additionally, the ward's projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 is just 4% above the Borough mean, providing good electoral equality.

The present boundary with the Elworth ward through Sandbach Golf Course and behind the houses on the western side of Park Lane marks the dividing line with Elworth, whose residents consider themselves to be somewhat separate from the town itself.

Ward 41

Name: Weston

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,286

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,286

Variance of ratio: +4%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Barthomley and Weston & Crewe Green.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Present 2-member Haslington ward to be divided into single-member Haslington and Weston wards along the southern boundary of Haslington parish.

Addition of the Wychwood parish ward of Weston and Crewe Green.

Polling districts

1GF1, 1GF1T, 1GFR, 1GG1, 2GA6, 2GB1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present Haslington ward has a projected 2030 electorate too large for 2 councillors and too small for 3 councillors. As the present ward covers an extensive geographic area, and thus we consider it expedient to divide it into smaller single-member wards.

The addition of the Wychwood parish ward of Weston and Crewe Green serves to align the ward boundary with the boundaries of the parishes of Weston & Crewe Green and Barthomley, reflecting community identity and promoting effective and convenient local government.

The proposed ward has a projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 that is just 4% above the Borough mean, providing good electoral equality.

Ward 42

Name: Wheelock and Winterley

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,079

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,079

Variance of ratio: -1%

Summary of area covered

The Winterley parish ward of Haslington and polling districts SAW4 and SAWR (in the Ettiley Heath & Wheelock town council ward of Sandbach).

Summary of changes to the present ward boundary

Removal of polling district SAW3 (Ettiley Heath).

Addition of polling district 3GE1 (from the present Haslington ward).

Polling districts

3GE1, SAW4, SAWR, SAWT.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

Elworth and Ettiley Heath form a single urban area, and we therefore propose to move Ettiley Heath into the Elworth ward. Residents of the Winterley parish ward of Haslington tend to use key services in Sandbach instead of those in Haslington village. We therefore propose the addition of polling district 2GE1, which is the part of the Winterley parish ward which is in the present Haslington ward. This brings the proposed ward's projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 to just 1% below the Borough mean, providing good electoral equality.

Shavington, Stapeley, Wistaston, and Wybunbury

Area: Doddington & District, Hatherton, Hough & Chorlton, Rope, Shavington cum Gresty, Stapeley & District, Walgherton, Willaston, Wistaston, and Wybunbury parishes.

Councillors: 6

Proposed wards: 4

Ward 43

Name: Shavington

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 7,286

Electors per councillor ratio: 3,643

Variance of ratio: -11%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Rope and Shavington cum Gresty.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Addition of the Gresty Brook parish ward of Shavington and polling districts 1FE1 (the part of the parish of Rope in the present Willaston and Rope ward), 1FET and 1FET2.

Polling districts

1FE1, 1FET, 1FET2, 1GM1, 1GM2, 1GMR, 1GMT.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present ward's projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 is 22% above the Borough mean. This proposal brings the whole of the well-linked parishes of Shavington cum

Gresty and Rope within a single 2-member ward, promoting effective and convenient local government.

Ward 44

Name: Stapeley

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,441

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,441

Variance of ratio: +8%

Summary of area covered

The parish of Stapeley and District and the area of the parish of Willaston south of the Crewe to Shrewsbury railway.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

New ward.

Polling districts

1FC1, 1FC2, 1FC6, 1FCR, 1FDC.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This proposal combines the parish of Stapeley and District and the area of Willaston south of the railway line. Stapeley and Willaston have long had very close links, and locals do not consider the A500 to divide communities. This also ensures that the only division of a parish in the area between Crewe and Nantwich follows the strong, identifiable boundary formed by the railway line, avoiding an arbitrary division of Willaston. This reflects community identities, while promoting effective and convenient local government.

This proposed ward's projected electors per councillor ratio is 8% above the Borough mean, providing good electoral equality.

Ward 45

Name: Wistaston

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 9,027

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,514

Variance of ratio: +10%

Summary of area covered

The parish of Wistaston and the area of the parish of Willaston North of the Crewe to Shrewsbury railway.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Removal of the parish of Woolstanwood.

Addition of polling districts 1FD1 and 1FDR (from the present Willaston and Rope ward).

Polling districts

1FD1, 1FD2, 1FDR, 1FE2, 1FF1, 1FFR, 1FG1, 1FG2.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The removal of the parish of Woolstanwood leaves Valley Brook as a strong, identifiable northern boundary. The addition of polling districts 1FD1 and 1FDR moves the division of the parish of Willaston from an arbitrary line through Willaston village to the railway line, which forms a strong, identifiable southern boundary. This also avoids an arbitrary division of the parish of Wistaston. This reflects community identities, while promoting effective and convenient local government.

Ward 46

Name: Wybunbury

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,282

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,282

Variance of ratio: +4%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Doddington & District, Hatherton, Hough & Chorlton, Walgherton, and Wybunbury parishes.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Removal of the Wychwood parish ward of Weston and Crewe Green.

Polling districts

1GFT, 1GG2, 1GG3, 1GH6, 1GH7, 1GH8, 1GJ6, 1GJ7, 1GJ8, 1GL6, 1GN1, 1GN6.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The removal of the Wychwood parish ward of Weston and Crewe Green serves to align the ward boundary with parish boundaries, reflecting community identity and promoting effective and convenient local government. This change reduces the ward's proposed electors per councillor ratio for 2030 from 20% above the Borough mean to just 4% above the Borough mean, providing good electoral equality.

Tatton Rural

Area: the Cheshire East portion of the Tatton parliamentary constituency for the next election, excluding Alderley Edge, Chorley, Handforth, Knutsford, Styal, and Wilmslow parishes, and Over Alderley parish.

Councillors: 3

Proposed wards: 3

Ward 47

Name: Chelford

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 3,977

Electors per councillor ratio: 3,977

Variance of ratio: -3%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Bexton, Chelford, Nether Alderley, Over Alderley, Peover Inferior, Peover Superior & Snelson, Plumley, and Toft.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Removal of the parishes of Marthall and Ollerton.

Addition of the parish of Over Alderley.

Polling districts

3CD1, 3CN1, 3CR1, 3CS1, 3DA1, 3DA2, 3DB1, 3DC1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present Mobberley ward has too few electors, and the parishes of Ollerton and Marthall are those with the closest ties to communities in the present Mobberley ward. The parishes of Over and Nether Alderley have strong ties and share interests surrounding the Alderley Park development site, which straddles the boundary of both parishes.

The proposed ward's projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 is just 3% below the Borough mean, providing good electoral equality.

Ward 48

Name: High Legh

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 3,704

Electors per councillor ratio: 3,704
Variance of ratio: -10%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Aston by Budworth, High Legh, Little Bollington with Agden, Mere, Pickmere, Tabley Inferior, and Tabley Superior, and the Millington parish ward of Millington and Rostherne.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Removal of polling district 3CVT (in the parish of Knutsford).

Polling districts

3CA1, 3CA2, 3CC6, 3CG1, 3CK1, 3CL1, 3CLT, 3CT1, 3CV1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This proposal realigns the boundary with the Knutsford ward with the boundary of the Knutsford parish, reflecting community identities and interests and providing for effective and convenient local government.

Ward 49

Name: Mobberley
Councillors: 1
January 2030 electorate: 3,980
Electors per councillor ratio: 3,980
Variance of ratio: -3%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Ashley, Great Warford, Little Warford, Marthall, Mobberley, and Ollerton, and the Rostherne and Tatton parish ward of Millington and Rostherne.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Addition of the parishes of Marthall and Ollerton.

Polling districts

3CB6, 3CH1, 3CJ1, 3CM1, 3CMR, 3CO1, 3CU1, 3CU7, 3DE1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The present ward's projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 is 15% below the Borough mean. Of the neighbouring areas, the parishes with the closest connections to communities

in the present ward that can easily be added are Ollerton and Marthall. This brings the projected electors per councillor ratio to just 3% below the Borough mean, providing good electoral equality, and leaves a ward composed of rural communities surrounding and connected to Knutsford.

Wilmslow, Handforth, and Alderley Edge

Area: Alderley Edge, Chorley, Handforth, Styal, and Wilmslow parishes.

Councillors: 8

Proposed wards: 5

Ward 50

Name: Alderley Edge

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 4,091

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,091

Variance of ratio: -1%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Alderley Edge and Chorley.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Addition of the parish of Chorley.

Polling districts

3DD1, 3DF1, 3DG1, 3DH1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

The parish of Chorley has close ties to Alderley Edge and its inclusion in the ward brings its projected electors per councillor ratio for 2030 up from 10% below the mean to just 1% below, providing good electoral equality.

Ward 51

Name: Handforth

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 7,241

Electors per councillor ratio: 3,621

Variance of ratio: -2%

Summary of area covered

The parishes of Handforth and Styal.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Addition of the parish of Styal and polling district 8FKT (from the present Wilmslow Lacey Green ward).

Removal of polling districts 8EA1 and 8EE1 (both in the parish of Wilmslow).

Polling districts

8EF1, 8EG1, 8EH1, 8EJ1, 8FK1, 8FKT.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This proposal would align the ward boundary with parish boundaries, promoting effective and convenient local government. The River Dean will provide a strong, identifiable southern boundary for the ward. Additionally, there is no road access from the Colshaw Farm estate (which constitutes most of polling district 8EE1) to Handforth.

Ward 52

Name: Wilmslow East

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 8,052

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,026

Variance of ratio: -2%

Summary of area covered

The Dean Row town council ward of Wilmslow and the part of the East town council ward of Wilmslow east of Alderley Road.

Summary of proposed changes to the present ward boundary

Merger of the present single-member Wilmslow Dean Row and Wilmslow East wards to form a 2-member ward.

Addition of polling district 8EE1 (from the present Handforth ward).

Removal of polling district 8FA1 (in the East town council ward of Wilmslow).

Polling districts

8EB1, 8EC1, 8ED1, 8EE1, 8FE1, 8FF1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

Aligning the wards with town council ward boundaries leaves a Wilmslow Dean Row ward with far too many electors and a Wilmslow East ward with too few electors. Unfortunately, we found it impossible to sensibly divide Dean Row to create single-member wards and thus we felt it necessary to combine these two wards.

The removal of polling district 8FA1 is necessary to greatly improve electoral equality for both this ward and the proposed Wilmslow West ward, and aligns the western boundary of the ward south of the Bollin with Alderley Road. The western boundary of the proposed ward north of the Bollin follows the Crewe to Manchester railway and the northern boundary follows the River Dean.

Ward 53

Name: Wilmslow Lacey Green

Councillors: 1

January 2030 electorate: 3,758

Electors per councillor ratio: 3,758

Variance of ratio: -9%

Summary of area covered

The Lacey Green town council ward of Wilmslow.

Summary of changes to the present ward boundary

Removal of the parish of Styal and polling district 8FKT (in the parish of Handforth).

Addition of polling district 8EA1 (from the present Handforth ward).

Polling districts

8EA1, 8EK1, 8EKC.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

This proposal would align the boundaries of the ward with the Lacey Green town council ward, reflecting community identity and promoting effective and convenient local government. The proposed ward would be bounded by the Crewe to Manchester railway to the east, the Bollin to the south, and the Dean to the west and north.

Ward 54

Name: Wilmslow West

Councillors: 2

January 2030 electorate: 8,882

Electors per councillor ratio: 4,441

Variance of ratio: +8%

Summary of area covered

The West town council ward of Wilmslow and the part of the East town council ward of Wilmslow west of Alderley Road.

Summary of changes to the present ward boundary

Removal of the parish of Chorley.

Addition of polling district 8FA1 (from the present Wilmslow East ward).

Polling districts

8FA1, 8FB1, 8FBR, 8FC1, 8FG1, 8FH1, 8FHR, 8FJ1.

Reasons for proposed boundary changes

As the parish of Chorley has much closer ties with Alderley Edge than to Wilmslow we propose to transfer it to that ward.

The addition of polling district 8FA1 is necessary to greatly improve electoral equality for both this ward and the proposed Wilmslow East ward, and aligns the eastern boundary of the ward with Alderley Road, uniting the entirety of the presently divided Fulshaw Park and Davenport Green areas in one ward. The Bollin forms the northern boundary of the ward.