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Thank you for the presentation from Richard Buck and your goodself on 19th March 2024, which was most helpful.

As a resident of Brereton Parish, I wish to make the following comments in respect of my proposed amendments to the current Brereton Rural Ward.

First of all, after long detailed consideration when drawing up the town and parish boundaries, Cheshire East Council concluded that it made much better sense for the estates of Bluebell Green and Dunkirk areas to remain within Brereton parish rather than be transferred into Holmes Chapel.

It would, therefore, have been illogical for Brereton parish to have been split up between two different Wards and have two different Cheshire East Ward councillors, who potentially could have conflicting interests, which would not be to the benefit of the residents of Brereton parish.

It would also be totally illogical to give the Ward the name of Brereton and then exclude parts of Brereton parish from that particular Ward named Brereton ! The fact that the original proposal was for the Ward to be named Brereton demonstrates conclusively that Brereton parish has its own community identity.

When in recent years Cheshire East has reviewed the futures of the recycling sites in Arclid and Congleton, the four parishes of Arclid, Brereton,

Smallwood and Somerford have all argued strongly that they would be severely impacted by firstly, the loss of the site at Arclid and secondly, the site at Congleton.

The four parishes of Arclid, Brereton, Smallwood and Somerford all share the same community identity and interests which is one of your main determinants for determining the Ward boundaries.

Conversely, the parishes of Moston and Warmingham had no interest in the issues relating to the loss of the recycling sites in Arclid and Congleton, which is not surprising given that they are located so far away between the far side of Middlewich and Sandbach. It would make far more sense for Moston and Warmingham to be included as part of either Sandbach or Middlewich, which are the towns from which they obtain the benefit of their services.

I am at a total loss how anyone could have come up with a proposal of a Ward of one hand of Arclid, Brereton and Somerford and on the other hand of Moston and Warmingham, which between them do not have any shared community identity and would be unnecessarily unwieldy with an illogical geographical area.

It makes far more sense for Smallwood parish to be in the same Ward as its neighbours of Arclid, Brereton and Somerford.

My proposal for the new Ward of the four parishes of Arclid, Brereton, Smallwood and Somerford makes a neat logical geographical area where all four parishes share a common identity and would be an area that makes it easy for the Ward councillor to provide the necessary support.

Finally, I concur with the comment at the meeting of 19th March 2023, whereby it is confusing if a Cheshire East Ward has the same name as a single parish. Therefore, I would propose that the new name for the new Ward of the four parishes of Arclid, Brereton, Smallwood and Somerford be "Brereton and Somerford Ward", given that Brereton parish and Somerford parish are about the same size in population terms.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attached Documents:

None attached