



# New electoral arrangements for Cheshire East Council Final Recommendations

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# Introduction

## Who we are and what we do

1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is an independent body set up by Parliament.<sup>1</sup> We are not part of government or any political party. We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons. Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

2 The members of the Commission are:

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| • Professor Colin Mellors OBE<br>(Chair) | • Steve Robinson                 |
| • Andrew Scallan CBE<br>(Deputy Chair)   | • Wallace Sampson OBE            |
| • Amanda Nobbs OBE                       | • Liz Treacy                     |
|  | • Ailsa Irvine (Chief Executive) |

## What is an electoral review?

3 An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority. A local authority's electoral arrangements decide:

- How many councillors are needed.
- How many wards or electoral divisions there should be, where their boundaries are and what they should be called.
- How many councillors should represent each ward or division.

4 When carrying out an electoral review the Commission has three main considerations:

- Improving electoral equality by equalising the number of electors that each councillor represents.
- Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity.
- Providing arrangements that support effective and convenient local government.

5 Our task is to strike the best balance between these three considerations when making our recommendations.

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<sup>1</sup> Under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

6 More detail regarding the powers that we have, as well as further guidance and information about electoral reviews and the review process in general, can be found on our website at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

## Why Cheshire East?

7 We are conducting a review of Cheshire East Council ('the Council') as some councillors currently represent many more or fewer electors than others. We describe this as 'electoral inequality'. Our aim is to create 'electoral equality', where the number of electors per councillor is as even as possible, ideally within 10% of being exactly equal.

8 This electoral review is being carried out to ensure that:

- The wards in Cheshire East are in the best possible places to help the Council carry out its responsibilities effectively.
- The number of electors represented by each councillor is approximately the same across the authority.

## Our proposals for Cheshire East

9 Cheshire East should be represented by 82 councillors, the same number as there are now.

10 Cheshire East should have 47 wards, five fewer than there are now.

11 The boundaries of most wards should change.

12 We have now finalised our recommendations for electoral arrangements for Cheshire East.

## How will the recommendations affect you?

13 The recommendations will determine how many councillors will serve on the Council. They will also decide which ward you vote in, which other communities are in that ward, and, in some cases, which parish council ward you vote in. Your ward name may also change.

14 Our recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of the authority or result in changes to postcodes. They do not take into account parliamentary constituency boundaries. The recommendations will not have an effect on local taxes, house prices, or car and house insurance premiums and we are not able to take into account any representations which are based on these issues.



## Review timetable

15 We wrote to the Council to ask its views on the appropriate number of councillors for Cheshire East. We then held two periods of consultation with the public on warding patterns for the authority. The submissions received during consultation have informed our final recommendations.

16 The review was conducted as follows:

Stage starts	Description
16 January 2024	Number of councillors decided
23 January 2024	Start of consultation seeking views on new wards
1 April 2024	End of consultation; we began analysing submissions and forming draft recommendations
1 October 2024	Publication of draft recommendations; start of second consultation
9 December 2024	End of consultation; we began analysing submissions and forming final recommendations
13 May 2025	Publication of final recommendations



## Analysis and final recommendations

17 Legislation<sup>2</sup> states that our recommendations should not be based only on how many electors<sup>3</sup> there are now, but also on how many there are likely to be in the five years after the publication of our final recommendations. We must also try to recommend strong, clearly identifiable boundaries for our wards.

18 In reality, we are unlikely to be able to create wards with exactly the same number of electors in each; we have to be flexible. However, we try to keep the number of electors represented by each councillor as close to the average for the council as possible.

19 We work out the average number of electors per councillor for each individual local authority by dividing the electorate by the number of councillors, as shown on the table below.

	2023	2030
Electorate of Cheshire East	314,650	337,306
Number of councillors	82	82
Average number of electors per councillor	3,838	4,114

20 When the number of electors per councillor in a ward is within 10% of the average for the authority, we refer to the ward as having 'good electoral equality'. All but Handforth ward of our proposed wards for Cheshire East are forecast to have good electoral equality by 2030.

## Submissions received

21 See Appendix C for details of the submissions received. All submissions may be viewed on our website at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

## Electorate figures

22 The Council submitted electorate forecasts for 2030, a period five years on from the scheduled publication of our final recommendations in 2025. These forecasts were broken down to polling district level and predicted an increase in the electorate of around 7% by 2030.

23 During the consultation on our draft recommendations, Over Alderley Parish Council described the electorate forecast for their area as 'flawed' as they did not account for the Symphony Park development. We noted the information provided

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<sup>2</sup> Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

<sup>3</sup> Electors refers to the number of people registered to vote, not the whole adult population.

and sought further clarification from the Council. They explained that, at the time of producing the electorate forecasts, a different type of development was expected in this area and, as a result, they did not include this development. However, we decided that a line must be drawn and that the forecasts provided at the beginning of a review are those that should be used as the base forecast throughout. This is because it ensures that all who wish to make a submission to us can use the same base forecast figures.

24 We are satisfied that the projected figures remain the best available at the present time. We have used these figures to produce our final recommendations.

25 Our mapping tool uses geocoded electoral registers supplied by the Council to locate electors, by associating addresses with specific geographic coordinates. It considers each elector's location to produce precise elector counts for each ward. There can be very slight differences between the electorate figures published on our website at the beginning of the review and the electorate figures published in this report. However, these are very minor and do not impact on our recommendations.

## Number of councillors

26 Cheshire East Council currently has 82 councillors. We have looked at evidence provided by the Council and have concluded that keeping this number the same will ensure the Council can carry out its roles and responsibilities effectively.

27 We therefore invited proposals for new patterns of wards that would be represented by 82 councillors – for example, 82 one-councillor wards, 41 two-councillor wards, or a mix of one-, two- and three-councillor wards.

28 We received one submission about the number of councillors in response to our consultation on our draft recommendations. The submission stated that the number of councillors should be reduced. However, we consider that insufficient evidence was provided to demonstrate how the Council would carry out its duties with fewer councillors, and no alternative number was suggested. Therefore, we have based our final recommendations on an 82-councillor council.

## Ward boundaries consultation

29 We received 126 submissions in response to our consultation on ward boundaries. These included authority-wide proposals from Cheshire East Council and the Cheshire East Liberal Democrats ('the Liberal Democrats'). We also received partial schemes from Councillor Seddon at Cheshire East Council, the Macclesfield Labour Party and the Tatton Labour Party. The remainder of the submissions provided localised comments for warding arrangements in particular areas of the authority.

30 The two authority-wide schemes provided mixed patterns of one-, two- and three-councillor wards for 82 councillors. We carefully considered the proposals received and were of the view that the proposed patterns of wards resulted in good levels of electoral equality in most areas of the authority and generally used identifiable boundaries.

31 Our draft recommendations were for a mixed pattern of single-, two- and three-councillor wards, based predominantly on the schemes received from the Council and Liberal Democrats. However, we had adopted the proposal received from the Tatton Labour Party for Knutsford town and the scheme received from Macclesfield Labour Party for Macclesfield town as part of our draft recommendations.

32 We also visited the area in order to look at the various different proposals on the ground. This tour of Cheshire East helped us to decide between the different boundaries proposed.

33 Our draft recommendations were for 23 single-councillor wards, 22 two-councillor wards and five three-councillor wards. We considered that our draft recommendations provided for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests where we received such evidence during consultation.

## Draft recommendations consultation

34 We received 202 submissions during consultation on our draft recommendations. These included comments from the Council and the Liberal Democrats. We also received submissions from political groups, local organisations, parish councils and local residents. The majority of the submissions focused on specific areas – particularly our proposals in Macclesfield, where opposition was received relating to Macclesfield Tytherington ward. We also received opposition to our proposals to sub-divide Knutsford and our draft recommendations for Weston and Wybunbury wards.

35 We are greatly appreciative of the levels of engagement and thoughtful responses during this review.

## Final recommendations

36 Our final recommendations are for seven three-councillor wards, 21 two-councillor wards and 19 single-councillor wards. We consider that our final recommendations will provide for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests where we received such evidence during consultation.

37 Our final recommendations are based on the draft recommendations with modifications to the wards in Macclesfield and Knutsford, in response to the submissions received. We have also merged the single-councillor Weston and

Wybunbury wards into a two-councillor ward, to better reflect community ties, based on the evidence received. In addition, we also propose minor modifications to the boundaries of the proposed Crewe East, Crewe Maw Green, Dane Valley, Brereton, Prestbury and Chelford wards based on convincing community evidence received.

38 The tables and maps on pages 9–37 detail our final recommendations for each area of Cheshire East. They detail how the proposed warding arrangements reflect the three statutory<sup>4</sup> criteria of:

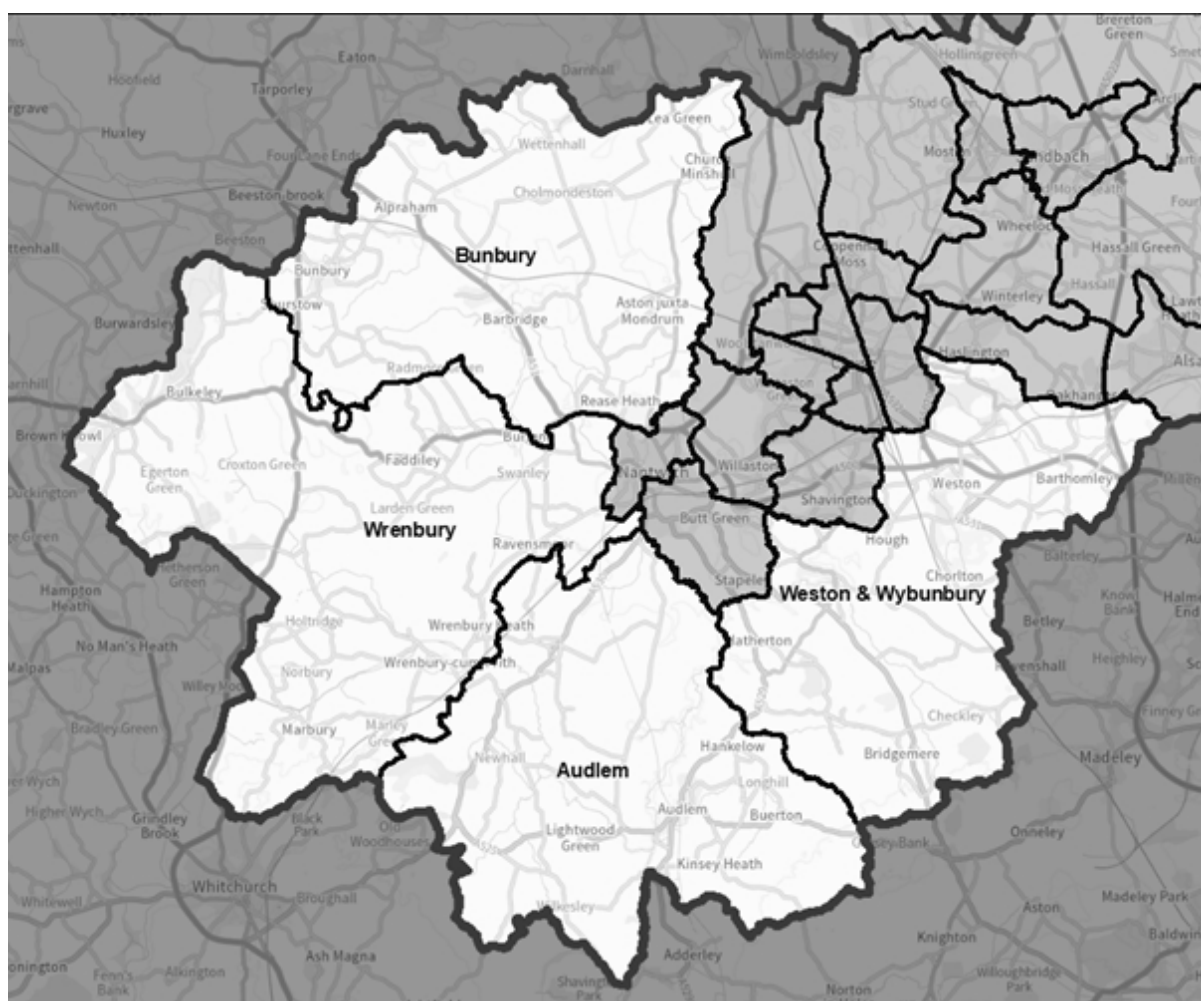
- Equality of representation.
- Reflecting community interests and identities.
- Providing for effective and convenient local government.

39 A summary of our proposed new wards is set out in the table starting on page 49 and on the large map accompanying this report.

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<sup>4</sup> Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

## Audlem, Bunbury, Weston & Wybunbury and Wrenbury



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2030
Audlem	1	8%
Bunbury	1	-2%
Weston & Wybunbury	2	4%
Wrenbury	1	-2%

### *Audlem, Bunbury and Wrenbury*

40 In response to our draft recommendations for Audlem, Bunbury and Wrenbury wards, we received support from the Liberal Democrats. We received no further submissions that related directly to these wards, so we therefore confirm them as final.

### *Weston & Wybunbury*

41 Leighton, Minshull Vernon & Woolstanwood Parish Council, the Wychwood Community Development Group and 14 local residents objected to our proposal to transfer Wychwood Village into our proposed Weston ward. It was argued that our proposals would separate the Wychwood development, which consists of two areas

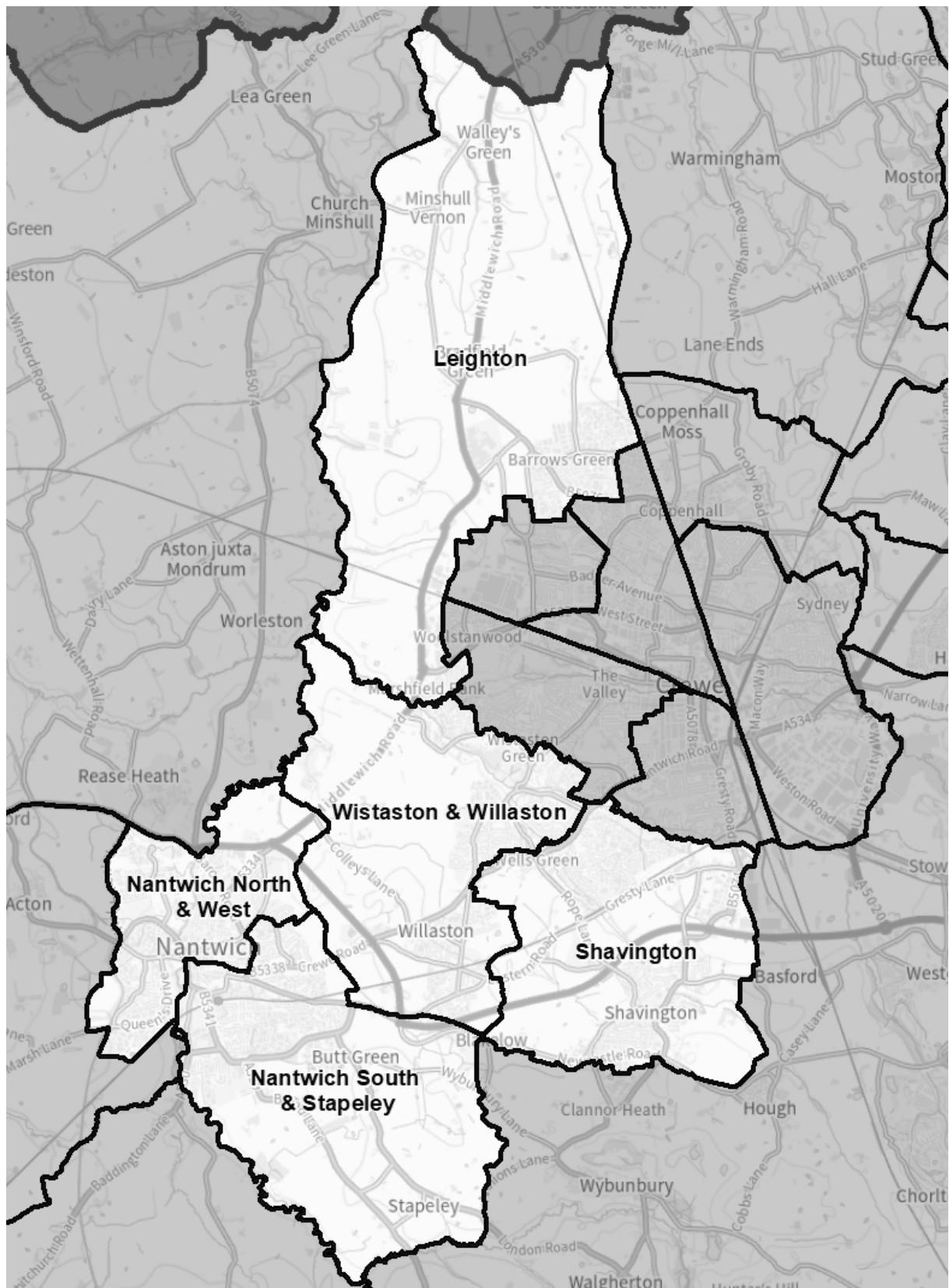
– Wychwood Village and Wychwood Park. The submissions emphasised that Wychwood Village and Wychwood Park should both remain together within Wybunbury ward to reflect community identities and interests.

42 Given the opposition to our draft recommendations, we carefully considered the submissions received. However, transferring Wychwood Village into Wybunbury ward would result in electoral variances of -12% and 20% for our proposed Weston and Wybunbury wards, respectively, which we consider too high to accept if we are to ensure good electoral equality across wards.

43 Therefore, as part of our final recommendations, we have decided to merge the two single-councillor wards to form a larger two-councillor Weston & Wybunbury ward. This merger ensures that the entire Wychwood development is contained within a single ward, better reflecting community identities and interests. Additionally, this arrangement supports good electoral equality, achieving an appropriate balance of the statutory criteria.



## Nantwich, Leighton, Shavington and Wistaston & Willaston



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2030
Leighton	2	-6%
Nantwich North & West	2	2%
Nantwich South & Stapeley	2	7%
Shavington	2	7%
Wistaston & Willaston	2	4%

#### *Nantwich North & West and Nantwich South & Stapeley*

44 The Liberal Democrats agreed with our proposed Nantwich North & West and Nantwich South & Stapeley wards. We received no further submissions relating to these wards. We are therefore confirming our draft recommendations for these wards as final.

#### *Shavington and Wistaston & Willaston*

45 The Liberal Democrats suggested an amendment to the boundary between our proposed Wistaston and Shavington wards. They proposed that the electors south of the railway line, in Willaston parish, be transferred to our proposed Shavington ward, arguing that this would promote effective and convenient local government by aligning the ward boundary to the parish boundary. However, our proposed boundary in this area already reflects the parish boundary. Adopting this suggested amendment would result in Willaston parish being divided between the proposed Wistaston and Shavington wards. We are of the view that such an amendment would not be conducive to effective and convenient local government. It would also result in a 19% electoral variance for our proposed Shavington ward, which we consider too high to accept. We therefore decided not to adopt this suggestion as part of our final recommendations.

46 Furthermore, the Liberal Democrats described our proposed boundary between Wistaston and Shavington wards, around the Wells Green area, as 'haphazard'. We acknowledge that our proposals in this area divide Wistaston parish between wards. However, as stated in our draft recommendations report, we found the evidence supplied to us by the Council regarding how the Wells Green area interacts with Shavington cum Gresty and Rope parishes to be persuasive. Additionally, including the entirety of Wistaston parish within our proposed Wistaston & Willaston ward would result in a 22% electoral variance, which we consider too high to accept. We remain of the view that our proposals in this area effectively balance our statutory criteria and we therefore confirm our proposed Shavington ward as final.

47 We also received several submissions from local residents who raised concerns regarding our proposed Wistaston ward. They argued that there was a risk of Willaston losing its own unique identity if warded with Wistaston. Some submissions therefore outrightly objected to our recommendations and advocated for

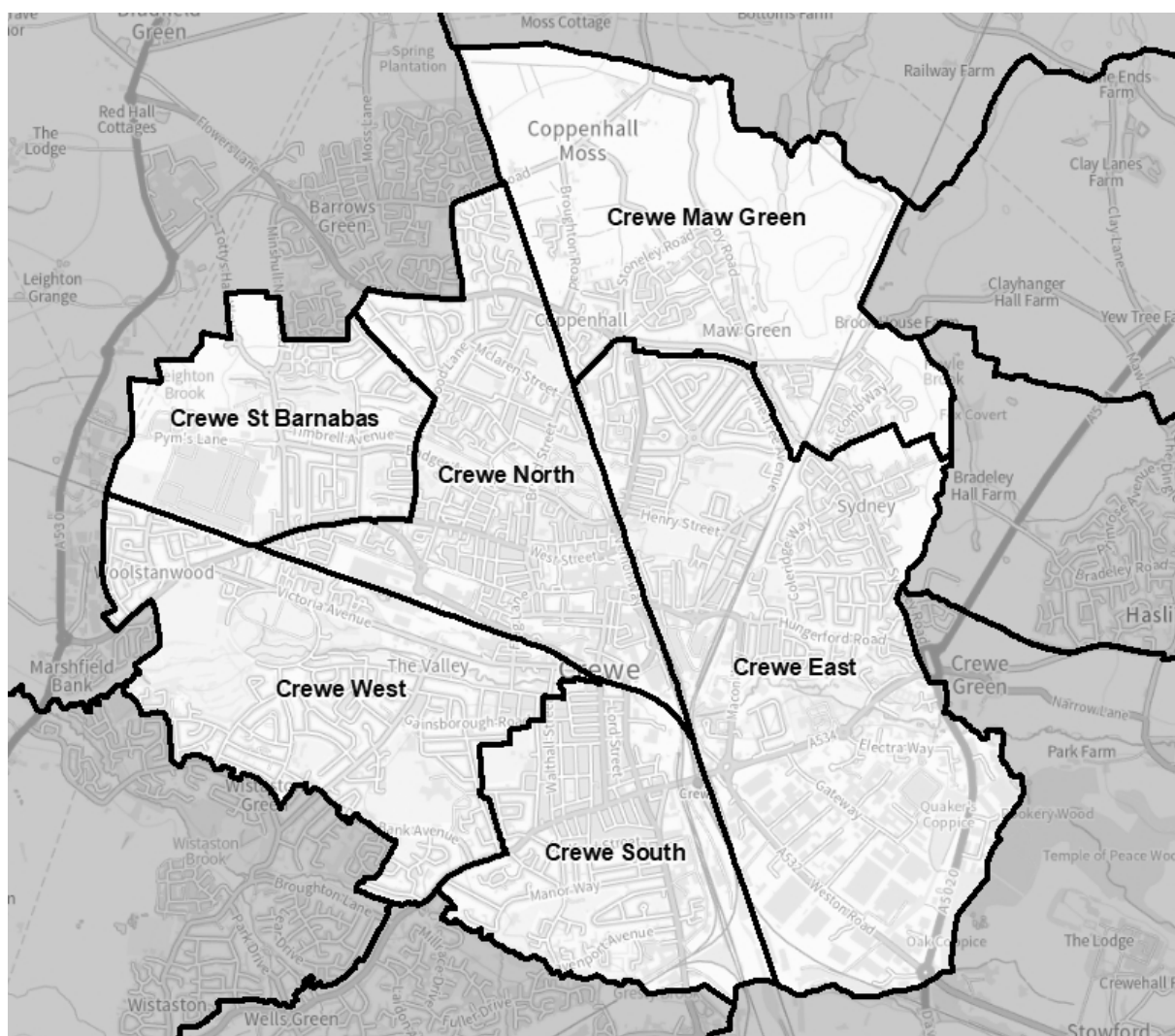
the existing Willaston & Rope ward to be retained. However, Willaston & Rope ward is forecasted to have an electoral variance of 12% by 2030. We were not persuaded that sufficient evidence had been provided to us justify this level of variance, so we have therefore not adopted this proposal in our final recommendations.

48 We have nonetheless decided to adopt the suggested name of 'Wistaston & Willaston' for this ward, based on the evidence supplied to us. We were persuaded that this name is more reflective of the main communities that will comprise this ward and it will therefore better reflect community identities and interests.

### *Leighton*

49 The Liberal Democrats accepted our recommendations for Leighton ward. We did not receive any other submissions directly relating to this ward. We therefore confirm our draft recommendations for Leighton ward as final.

## Crewe



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2030
Crewe East	2	7%
Crewe Maw Green	1	-6%
Crewe North	2	4%
Crewe South	2	-7%
Crewe St Barnabas	1	-2%
Crewe West	2	-2%

50 In response to the consultation on our draft recommendations, a local resident suggested various amendments to our wards across Crewe. However, we considered insufficient community-based evidence had been provided to support these proposals, so we have not adopted them as part of our final recommendations.

### *Crewe North and Crewe St Barnabas*

51 The Liberal Democrats accepted our proposed boundaries for Crewe North ward, but reiterated their initial suggestion to name this ward 'Crewe Coppenhall'. They argued that the name of 'Crewe North' could cause confusion due to a town council ward holding the same name. We were not persuaded that sufficient evidence had been submitted to support this ward name change and we remain of the view that the ward name of Crewe North is appropriate. In the absence of any further submissions directly relating to this ward, we confirm our proposed Crewe North ward as final.

52 The Liberal Democrats, Councillor Pratt and three local residents expressed support for our proposal to retain the existing boundaries of Crewe St Barnabas ward, content that its name and boundaries continue to reflect local identities. Given the support we have received for this ward during consultation, we are confirming our draft Crewe St Barnabas ward as final.

### *Crewe East and Crewe Maw Green*

53 A local resident stated that the boundaries for Crewe East should remain as they are. We decided not to adopt this proposal as we consider insufficient community evidence had been supplied to support retaining the existing arrangements in this area.

54 Leighton, Minshull Vernon and Woolstanwood Parish Council proposed an amendment to the boundary between our proposed Crewe East and Weston wards. They suggested we amend the boundary to follow Sydney Road, instead of the parish boundary, thereby transferring all of Stephenson Drive into Crewe East ward. We were not persuaded to adopt this proposal as part of our final recommendations, as it would involve the creation of an unviable parish ward composed of fewer than 60 electors, which we consider not to aid effective and convenient local government.

55 In this case, we consider that a Community Governance Review, carried out by the Council after the completion of this electoral review, would be the most effective way to effect parish boundary changes in this area. A subsequent request for related alterations following a Community Governance Review would allow the Council to modify the ward boundary so that it is coterminous with any revised parish boundaries.

56 The Liberal Democrats agreed with our recommended Crewe Maw Green ward, but reiterated their initial proposal for a Crewe Grand Junction ward. To improve electoral equality for their proposed ward, they suggested transferring electors south of Remer Street into our proposed Crewe Maw Green ward. However, this amendment would result in an anticipated electoral variance of 11% for their proposed Crewe Grand Junction ward, meaning it will still fall slightly outside our definition of good electoral equality. We therefore were not persuaded to adopt this



particular proposal, as we consider the evidence supplied did not justify this electoral variance.

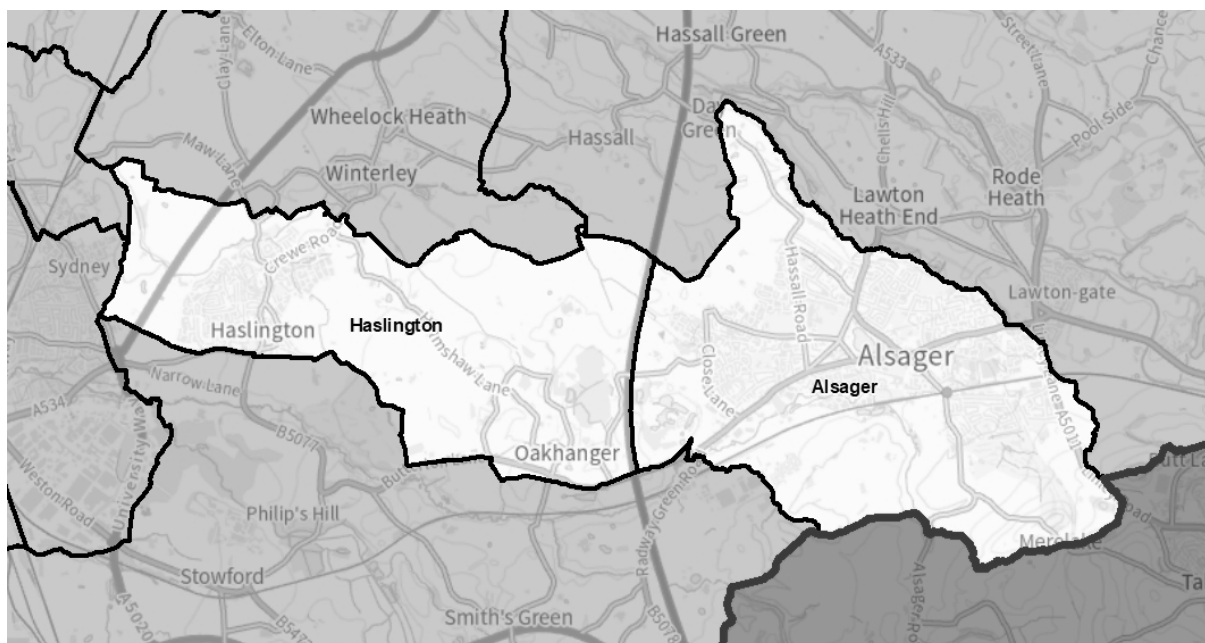
57 We do acknowledge that the Liberal Democrats' proposed boundary of the railway line, between their suggested Crewe Grand Junction and Crewe Waldron wards, is logical. However, we also note there are access routes across the railway line, specifically the A532. On our tour of the area, we did not consider the railway line to pose a physical barrier to the communities either side of it and we remain content that our warding arrangement in this area will reflect community identities and interests.

58 However, we did see merit in the proposed amendment to place the boundary between our Crewe Maw Green and Crewe East wards to the rear of the properties on Remer Street, as this proposed boundary also runs to the rear of the properties along the adjacent Sydney Road. As part of our final recommendations, we have adopted this amendment between our proposed Crewe Maw Green and Crewe East wards, noting that this change also improves the projected electoral variance of Crewe Maw Green ward from -10% to -6%.

#### *Crewe South and Crewe West*

59 The Liberal Democrats accepted our recommendations for Crewe South and Crewe West wards. We did not receive any further submissions directly relating to these wards. Consequently, we are recommending no changes to our proposed Crewe South and Crewe West wards, confirming them as part of our final recommendations.

## Alsager and Haslington



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2030
Alsager	3	1%
Haslington	1	7%

### *Alsager*

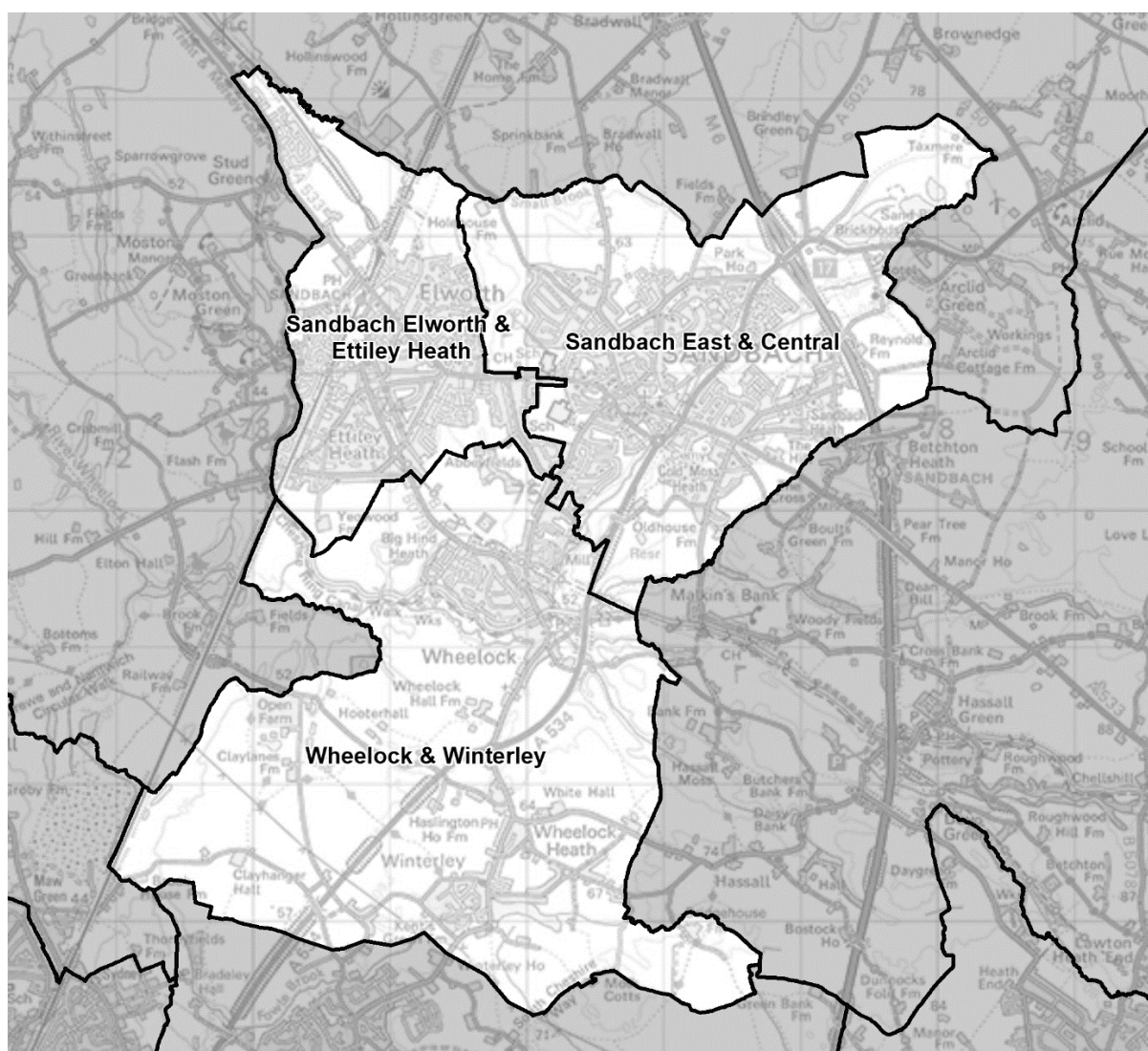
60 A local resident stated that one councillor would be 'sufficient' for Alsager ward. However, decreasing the number of councillors for this ward would result in it being significantly under-represented by 2030 and we are not persuaded that sufficient evidence has been provided to justify electoral inequality in this area.

61 Conversely, the Congleton Conservative Association expressed support for the proposed allocation of three councillors for Alsager ward. We did not receive any further submissions directly relating to this ward and we therefore confirm our proposed Alsager ward as final.

### *Haslington*

62 A local resident stated that Oakhanger is more closely connected to Alsager town due to easy road access and therefore should be incorporated in Alsager ward. We decided not to adopt this proposal, as we consider the M6 as the boundary between Haslington and Alsager ward to be more identifiable and will promote effective and convenient local government. With no further submissions received, we are confirming our draft recommendations for Haslington ward as final.

## Sandbach



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2030
Sandbach East & Central	2	5%
Sandbach Elworth & Ettiley Heath	2	-3%
Wheelock & Winterley	1	-7%

### *Sandbach East & Central and Sandbach Elworth & Ettiley Heath*

63 We received support for our proposals in Sandbach from the Congleton Conservative Association. They agreed that the proposed wards reflect community identities and interests whilst improving electoral equality.

64 However, Councillor Corcoran opposed our proposals and argued that retaining single-councillor wards in this area would provide for clearer councillor accountability and responsibility. However, we were not persuaded to adopt this arrangement, as



no evidence was supplied as to how these wards would better represent community identities and interests.

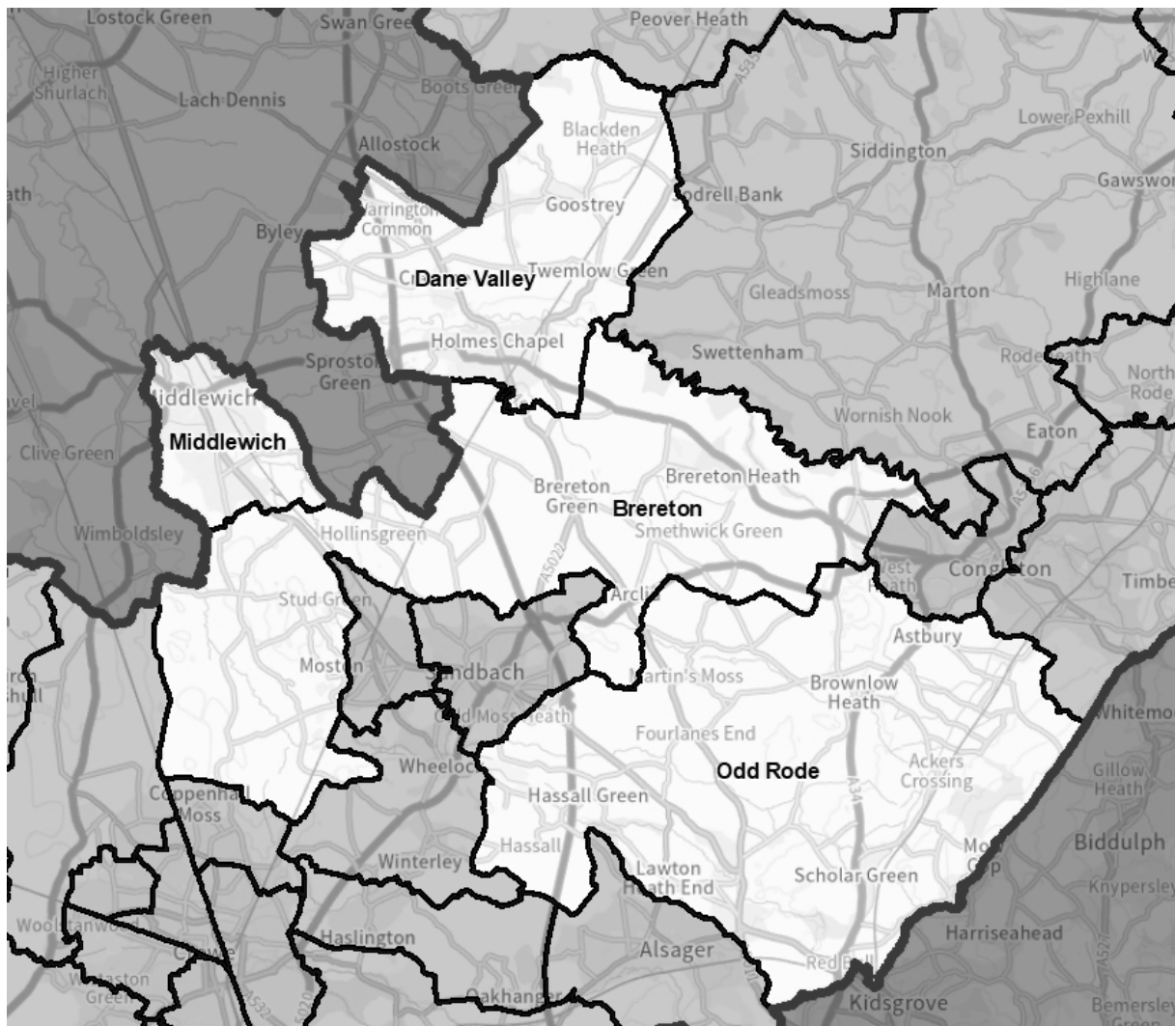
65 The Liberal Democrats restated their initial proposals for Sandbach for two single-councillor Sandbach Heath and Sandbach Town wards and a two-councillor Elworth ward. They also suggested a minor amendment to their proposed Sandbach Town ward to include the entirety of Park Lane.

66 Whilst we acknowledge the alternative proposals put forward to us by the Liberal Democrats, we remain of the view that our draft recommendations for Sandbach are more likely to reflect community identities and interests. We were not persuaded by the evidence provided that we should significantly alter our proposed warding arrangement for Sandbach. We therefore confirm our Sandbach East & Central and Sandbach Elworth & Ettiley Heath wards as final.

#### *Wheelock & Winterley*

67 The Liberal Democrats accepted our proposals for Wheelock & Winterley ward. We did not receive any further submissions directly relating to this ward and therefore confirm it as final.

## Brereton



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2030
Brereton	1	2%
Dane Valley	2	7%
Middlewich	3	2%
Odd Rode	2	0%

### *Dane Valley and Middlewich*

68 The Liberal Democrats expressed support for our proposed Middlewich ward. A local resident suggested that Middlewich ward be transferred to Cheshire West & Chester Council. However, we could not accommodate this suggestion as changing the external boundaries between local authorities falls outside the scope of this electoral review. With no further submissions directly relating to this ward, we confirm our draft recommendations for Middlewich ward as final.

69 The Congleton Conservative Association supported our proposed Dane Valley ward and expressed satisfaction that our proposals retained the existing arrangements and achieved good electoral equality. The Liberal Democrats also supported our proposals in this area.

70 Holmes Chapel Parish Council provided more information in support of their initial request for the Dane Valley ward boundary to reflect the Holmes Chapel settlement boundary. This would involve the inclusion of Bluebell Green and Dunkirk Farm within Dane Valley ward. They argue that the electors in these areas consider themselves to be part of Holmes Chapel and they utilise the services and amenities in the village. We have decided to adopt their request as part of our final recommendations as we consider this area an extension of Holmes Chapel and its inclusion into Dane Valley ward will therefore better reflect community identities and interests. This amendment also improves the level of electoral equality in the neighbouring Brereton ward.

71 We also received a submission from Cranage Parish Council, which requested an amendment to the Cranage parish boundary. However, we are unable to amend the external boundaries of any parishes, as this can only be achieved through a Community Governance Review, via the Council.

### *Brereton*

72 We received four submissions in response to our draft recommendations for Brereton ward. The Congleton Conservative Association supported our proposal for this ward and agreed that it effectively balances our statutory criteria, whilst also significantly reducing the geographical scale of the ward.

73 However, the Liberal Democrats argued that our proposed Brereton ward is comprised of towns that do not share community identities or interests. They alternatively proposed a Brereton & Somerford ward comprised of Arclid, Bradwall, Brereton and Somerford parishes, which they argued would be more relatively compact than our proposed ward and contains electors who look to Congleton, Sandbach and Holmes Chapel for their amenities and services. As a consequence, they reiterated their initial proposal for a two-councillor Elworth ward comprised of Moston and Warmingham parishes, which we had included in our Brereton ward.

74 A local resident also proposed that we adopt the name Brereton & Somerford for this ward, as they argued that Brereton and Somerford parishes are of similar size and their proposed name would therefore make more sense and avoid confusion.

75 We were not persuaded to adopt the Liberal Democrats' proposed Brereton & Somerford ward as part of our final recommendations, as it would require the adoption of their proposed Elworth ward. We remain of the view, as stated in our

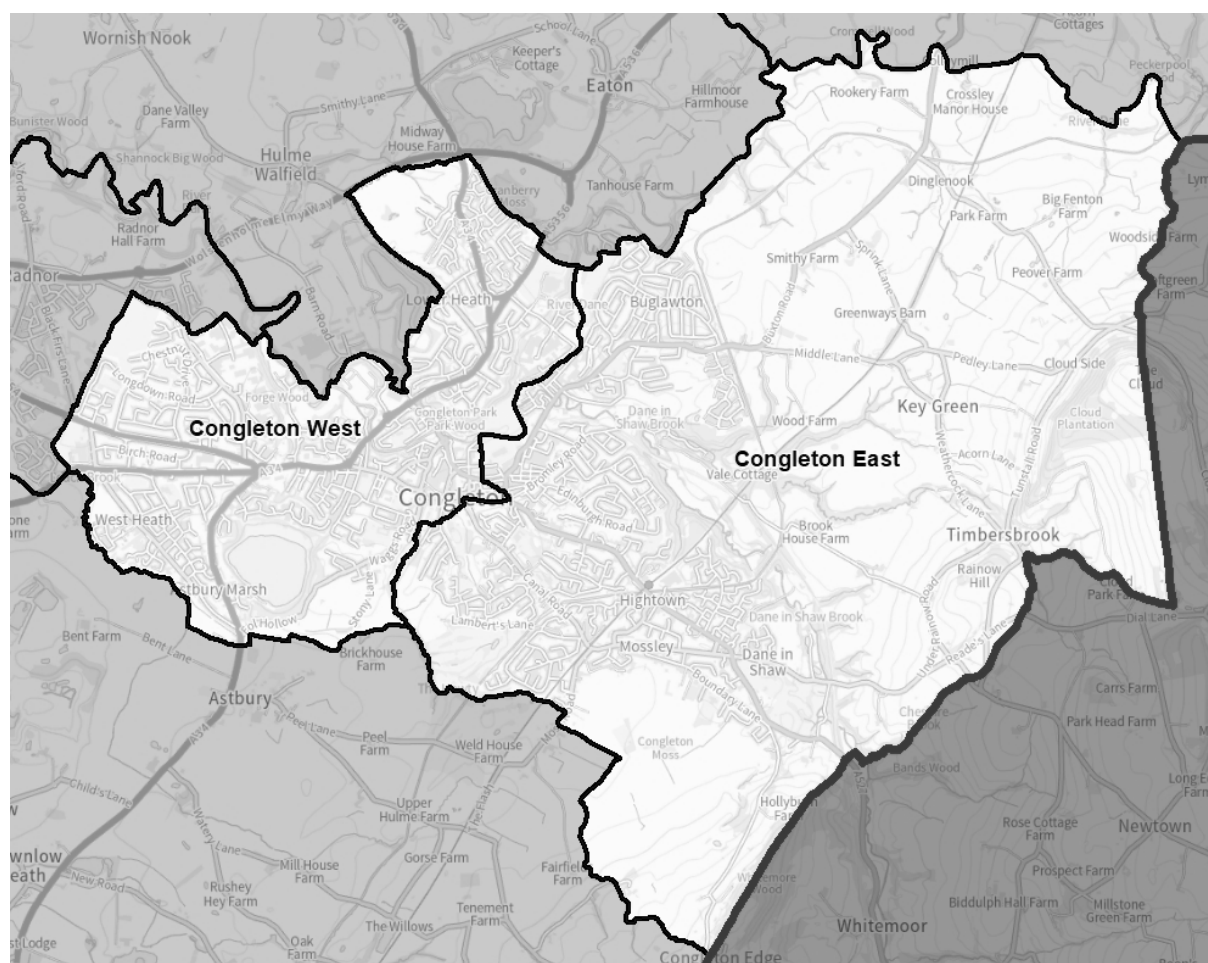
draft recommendations report, that we consider the proposed Elworth ward would be composed of distinct communities and that the Trent and Mersey Canal is a clear and identifiable boundary. Additionally, we were not persuaded to adopt the suggested name of 'Brereton & Somerford' as it would result in a name that primarily focuses on the eastern part of the ward. We are content that the proposed ward name of Brereton is suitable.

76 Somerford Parish Council objected to our proposal to include Somerford parish within Brereton ward. They suggested to 'link' Somerford parish with Newbold Astbury, Moreton cum Alcumlow, Hulme Walfield, Somerford Booths and Eaton parishes, stating that they share closer community connections with those parishes. While we note the evidence provided, we decided not to adopt this request as a ward comprising of the above-mentioned parishes would produce poor electoral equality, which in turn would not effectively balance our statutory criteria.

#### *Odd Rode*

77 The Congleton Conservative Association expressed support for our proposed Odd Rode ward. We therefore confirm our draft recommendations for Odd Rode ward as final, given the support received.

## Congleton



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2030
Congleton East	3	-2%
Congleton West	3	1%

### *Congleton East and Congleton West*

78 In response to our draft recommendations for Congleton, we received support from the Congleton Conservative Association for retaining two three-councillor wards for this area. They agreed that our proposals reflect communities and will promote effective and convenient local government. A local resident also supported our proposal to include part of Hulme Walfield parish within our recommended Congleton West ward, stating that it made sense.

79 The Liberal Democrats also agreed with our proposal to include part of Hulme Walfield parish within a Congleton ward. However, they suggested that we adopt their proposal made during the previous consultation which divided Congleton into three two-councillor wards. Although their proposals result in good electoral equality, we remain of the view, in conjunction with the support received during consultation, that our recommendation to propose two three-councillor wards for Congleton will

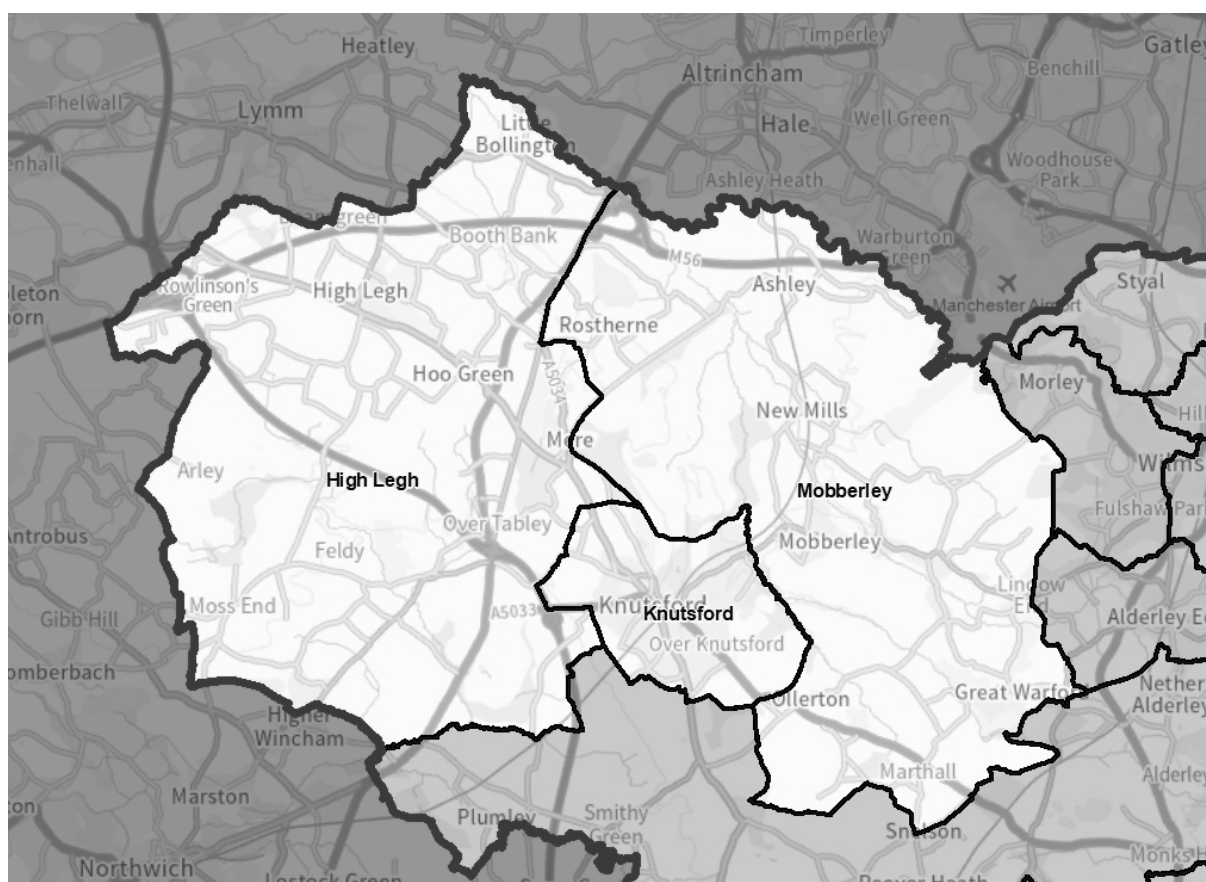
effectively balance our three statutory criteria. We particularly consider the River Dane to provide a strong and locally identifiable boundary in this area, which was also supported by the Congleton Conservative Association.

80 Furthermore, a local resident questioned why our proposed wards in this area did not extend out to the A536. As addressed in our draft recommendations report, we explored various options to include all of the current electors and the anticipated developments south of Congleton Link Road within a Congleton ward. However, all options had a considerable impact on electoral equality in the neighbouring Gawsorth and Brereton wards. We were therefore not persuaded to adopt any of these options on this basis.

81 To conclude, we are confirming our proposed Congleton East and Congleton West wards as final.



## Knutsford



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2030
High Legh	1	-10%
Knutsford	3	-6%
Mobberley	1	-3%

### *High Legh*

82 The Liberal Democrats expressed support for our proposed High Legh ward. However, Councillor Hague objected to our proposal to move Tabley Park from High Legh ward into Knutsford South & West ward. They argued that Tabley Park is closely connected with High Legh ward and that our draft recommendations in this area risked diminishing the local identity and cohesion of the High Legh community. Councillor Hague also noted that this proposed transfer results in a -10% electoral variance for High Legh ward and was therefore concerned that good electoral equality might not be maintained in this ward in the future.

83 While we acknowledge the concerns put forward to us by Councillor Hague, we consider our proposed High Legh ward to promote effective and convenient local government by reflecting the Knutsford parish boundary. We also consider our proposed boundary of the M6 to be strong and identifiable. Furthermore, although a -10% electoral variance just falls within our definition of good electoral equality, we

are satisfied that our proposed High Legh ward will ensure that local electors have a vote of broadly equal weight by 2030. Consequently, we are recommending no changes to our proposed High Legh ward, confirming it as part of our final recommendations.

### *Knutsford*

84 The Council, the Liberal Democrats, Knutsford Town Council, Councillor Forrest of Knutsford Town Council, the current Knutsford ward councillors (Councillor Coan, Councillor Dean, Councillor Gardiner) and several local residents objected to our proposed single-councillor Knutsford North East ward and two-councillor Knutsford South & West ward. Concerns were raised that this warding arrangement had the potential to be 'socially divisive' and would not reflect community identities and interests. Strong community evidence was also provided to demonstrate how electors in our proposed Knutsford North East ward access amenities and services across the whole town. It was stressed that Knutsford should remain as a three-councillor ward and reflect the Knutsford parish boundary.

85 Conversely, we did receive support from Councillor Corcoran and several local residents for our proposals in Knutsford. They broadly agreed that our proposed warding arrangements reflected the distinct nature of the area comprising our Knutsford North East ward and argued that electors within this ward would receive better representation being allocated a specific councillor to this area.

86 The Cheshire East Green Party also broadly supported our proposals for Knutsford, but proposed to include the entirety of the existing Cross Town parish ward of Knutsford Town Council within Knutsford North East ward. They argued this on the basis that the ward would contain a more diverse range of housing types. We decided not to adopt this proposal as we consider basing warding arrangements on housing types alone is an unreliable indication of local community identities and interests. Furthermore, this suggested amendment would also result in anticipated electoral variances of 13% and -15% for Knutsford North East and Knutsford South & West, respectively. We consider these variances too high to accept if we are to ensure good electoral equality in this area.

87 Given the contrasting views on our draft recommendations, we carefully considered the submissions received. As part of our final recommendations, we have decided to retain a three-councillor Knutsford ward in this area that reflects the Knutsford parish boundary. We were persuaded by the evidence received that community identities would be best reflected by this warding arrangement, and a three-councillor ward for Knutsford will effectively balance our statutory criteria.

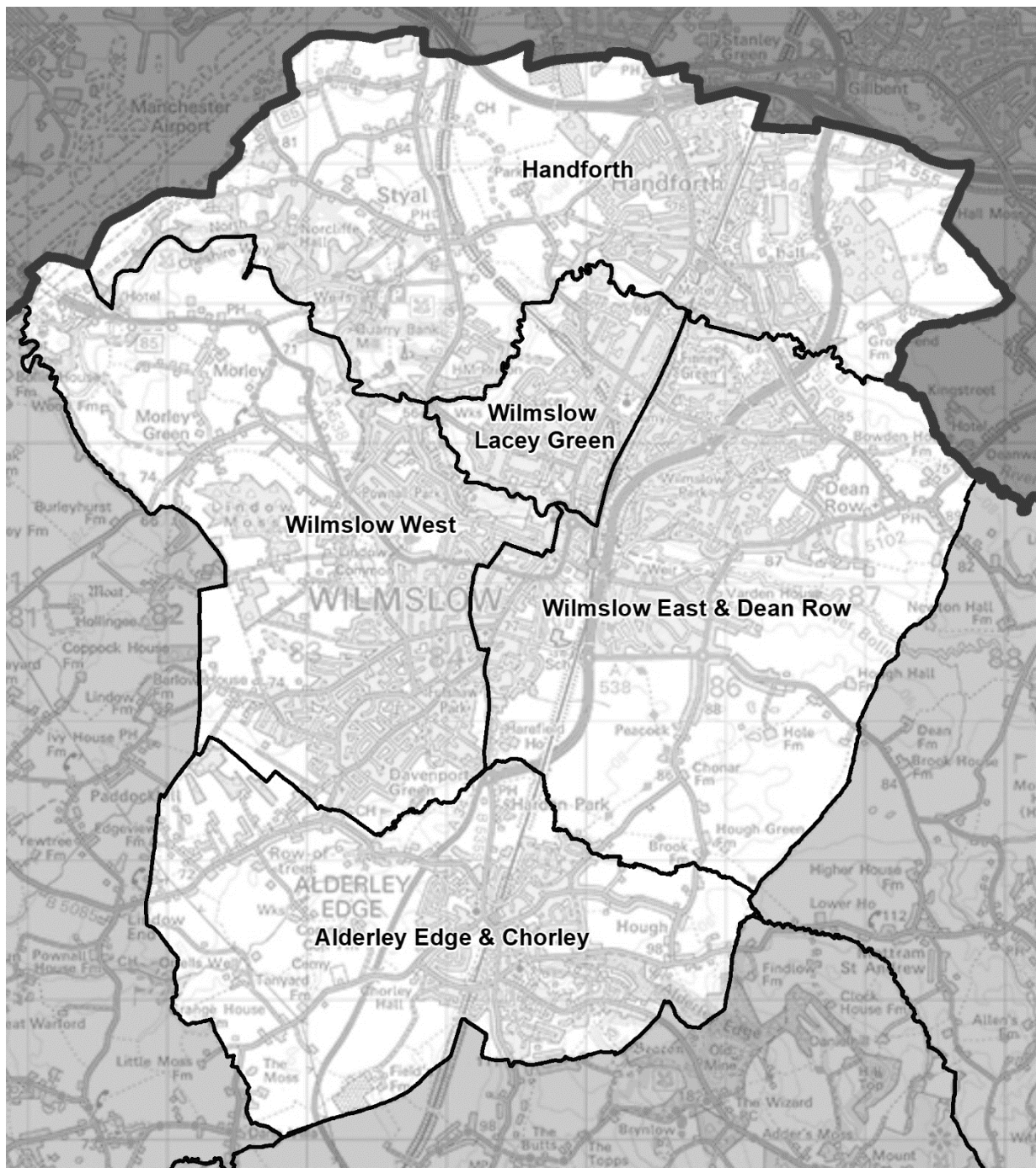
### *Mobberley*

88 The Liberal Democrats expressed support for our proposed Mobberley ward. However, Chelford Parish Council, Ollerton with Marthall Parish Council and three



local residents opposed our proposal to include Ollerton and Marthall parishes within Mobberley ward and advocated for them to remain with Chelford ward. However, we had previously considered and rejected Ollerton with Marthall Parish Council's request to retain these parishes within Chelford ward when formulating our draft recommendations, as Mobberley ward would have a forecast electoral variance of -15% by 2030, which we considered to be too high if we are to ensure good electoral equality. We consider that additional evidence supplied was not strong enough for us to adopt a ward with such a variance, so we have decided to confirm our draft recommendations for Mobberley ward as final.

## Wilmslow



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2030
Alderley Edge & Chorley	1	0%
Handforth	2	-12%
Wilmslow East & Dean Row	2	5%
Wilmslow Lacey Green	1	-9%
Wilmslow West	2	0%

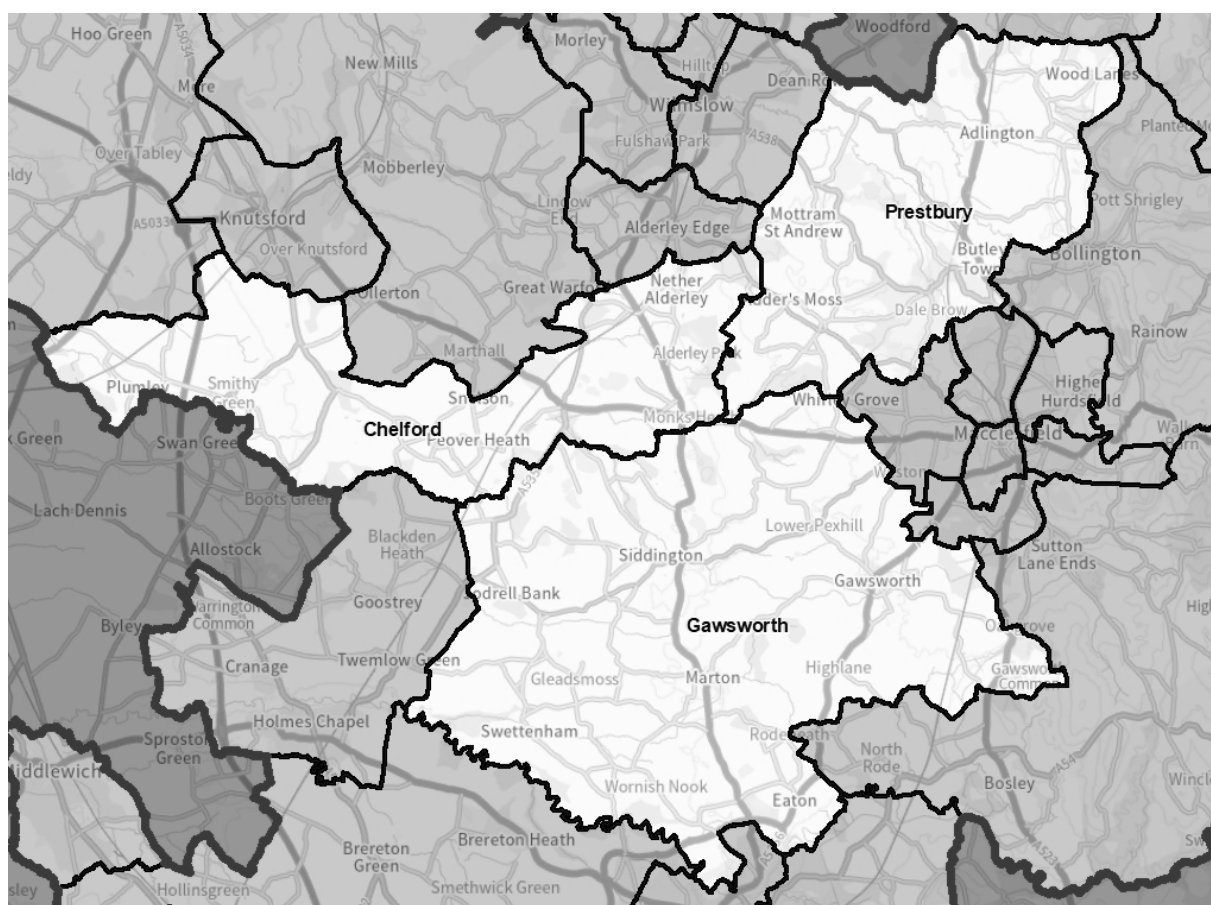
*Alderley Edge & Chorley*

89 The Council supported our proposed Alderley Edge & Chorley ward, endorsing our decision to include Chorley within the ward name. The Liberal Democrats also expressed support for our proposal. We are therefore confirming our draft recommendations for Alderley Edge & Chorley ward as final.

*Handforth, Wilmslow East & Dean Row, Wilmslow Lacey Green and Wilmslow West*

90 A local resident expressed support for our proposals in Wilmslow and stated that they are appropriate. The Liberal Democrats also supported our proposals for this area. We are therefore confirming our draft recommendations for Handforth, Wilmslow East & Dean Row, Wilmslow Lacey Green and Wilmslow West as final.

## Chelford, Gawsworth and Prestbury



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2030
Chelford	1	-10%
Gawsworth	1	5%
Prestbury	1	10%

### *Chelford and Prestbury*

91 We received several submissions in relation to our proposed Chelford and Prestbury wards, with a mixture of support and opposition. The Liberal Democrats supported our proposals for this area. Councillor Harrison expressed support for our proposed Chelford ward and stated that 'it reflects the cultural, historical and community links between parishes' and reunites Nether Alderley and Over Alderley parishes within a single ward. Lower Peover Parish Council also expressed support for our proposed Chelford ward.

92 Chelford Parish Council, Over Alderley Parish Council and one local resident objected to our proposal to include Over Alderley parish within Chelford ward and advocated for keeping the parish within Prestbury ward to maintain community identities and interests. We had previously rejected Over Alderley Parish Council's request to retain Over Alderley parish within Prestbury ward when formulating our

draft recommendations, as Prestbury ward would have a forecast electoral variance of 13% by 2030, which we considered to be too high.

93 In response to the consultation on our draft recommendations, Over Alderley Parish Council proposed the majority of Over Alderley parish to be included within Prestbury ward, but suggested the transfer of Morris Drive, Pitfield Way and Broadstone Close of Alderley Park into Chelford ward. They argued that this proposal would improve electoral equality and also retain the distinct rural area of Over Alderley within Prestbury ward. We have decided to adopt their suggestions as part of our final recommendations as we consider this adjustment to more effectively balance the statutory criteria in this area.

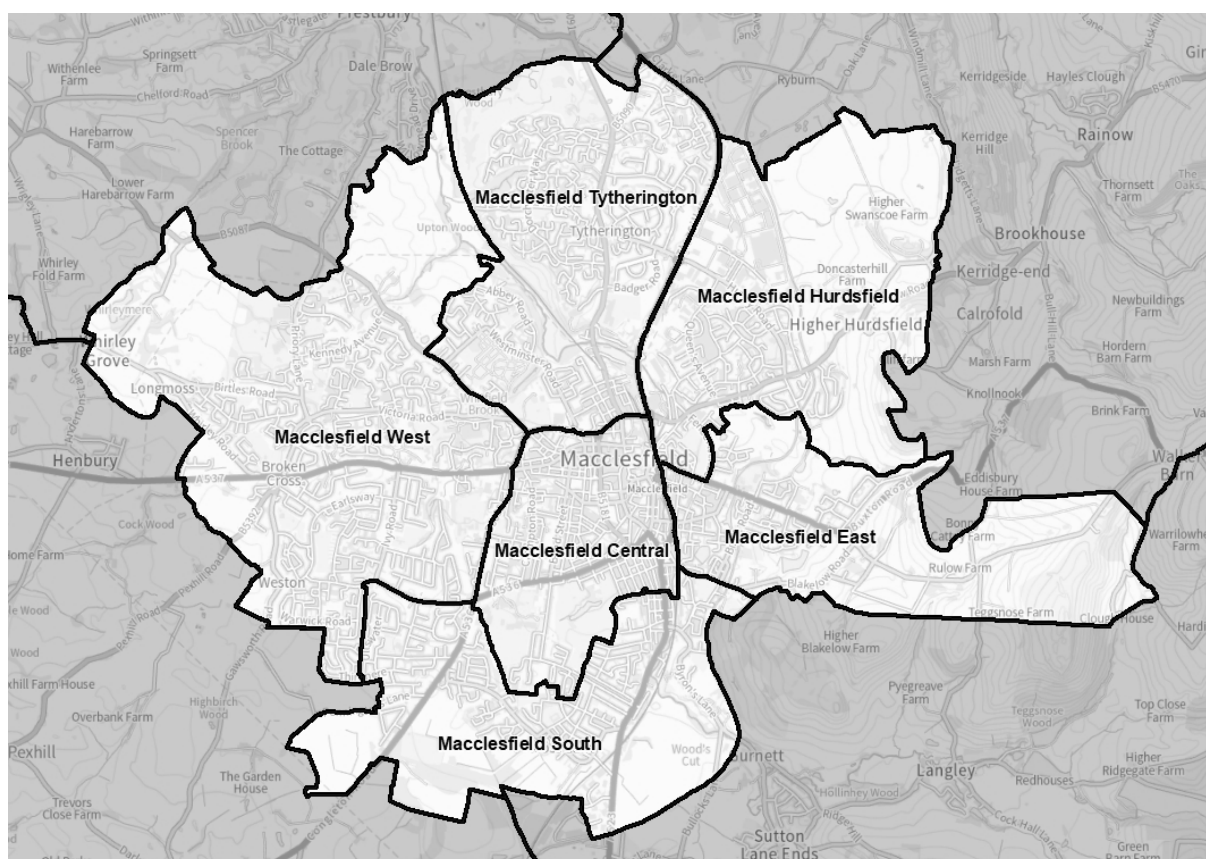
### *Gawsworth*

94 Gawsworth Parish Council did not comment on our proposed boundaries for Gawsworth ward, but suggested alternative ward names. They noted confusion in the community between Gawsworth ward and Gawsworth parish. They proposed the ward be renamed 'Hulme Walfield' or 'Hulme Walfield & Gawsworth' to reflect Hulme Walfield as the largest settlement in the ward under our proposals. We were not persuaded to adopt either name, as the most populated area of Hulme Walfield parish is in Congleton West ward, under our proposals. We are of the view that retaining the existing name will therefore better reflect the constituent communities of our proposed Gawsworth ward.

95 The Macclesfield Conservative Association expressed concern over our proposed Gawsworth ward resulting in a 5% electoral variance by 2030. However, we consider a ward with a projected electoral variance of 5% to have good electoral equality. They also raised concerns over our recommendation to not include Moss parish ward of Gawsworth parish within Gawsworth ward. The evidence received during the initial consultation highlighted Moss parish ward as the location of future development intended to meet Macclesfield's housing needs. We maintain the view that it is more appropriate to include this area within Macclesfield South ward as we consider in the long-term, this area will share more in common with Macclesfield, rather than the rural parish of Gawsworth. In conclusion, we are confirming our draft recommendations for Gawsworth ward as final.



## Macclesfield



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2030
Macclesfield Central	2	-7%
Macclesfield East	1	0%
Macclesfield Hursfield	1	-2%
Macclesfield South	2	-2%
Macclesfield Tytherington	2	-2%
Macclesfield West	3	9%

### *Macclesfield Tytherington*

96 We received over 70 submissions in relation to our draft recommendations for Macclesfield, with a mixture of support and opposition. The majority of these submissions were in relation to our proposed Macclesfield Tytherington ward. Approximately 20 local residents, the Macclesfield Labour Party, Councillor Corcoran and Councillor Puddicombe expressed support for our proposals for Macclesfield Tytherington ward.

97 Furthermore, Bollington Town Council supported our proposed boundary between Bollington & Rainow and Macclesfield Tytherington ward, stating that electors south of The Silk Road utilised the services and amenities in Bollington town. They also requested that the Commission recommend the Springwood Estate

to have its own polling district. We were unable to adopt this request as the Commission has no role in creating polling districts and this is the responsibility of the Council.

98 In contrast, we received opposition from the current Macclesfield Tytherington ward councillors (Councillor Edwardes and Councillor Gilman), the Council, the Liberal Democrats, the Macclesfield Conservative Association, Councillor O’Leary, Councillor Warren, the Dumbah Association, 33 residents and a petition signed by 167 local residents. The submissions expressed concern over our proposal to exclude the Bollinbrook area, the Springwood Estate and the Beech Farm Drive area from a Macclesfield Tytherington ward. These submissions provided strong evidence demonstrating that these areas form part of the Tytherington community and should thus be part of Macclesfield Tytherington ward.

99 We carefully considered the evidence received in relation to Macclesfield Tytherington ward, noting both the support and opposition to our draft proposal. After considering all of the feedback across both rounds of consultation, we were persuaded by the compelling community evidence received that reverting back to the existing arrangements of a two-councillor ward here will better reflect our statutory criteria. Our final recommendations therefore reflect the submissions made to include the entirety the Springwood Estate and retain Bollinbrook and the Beech Farm Drive areas within a Macclesfield Tytherington ward.

100 We note the request from Bollington Town Council to include the entirety of Bollington parish within Bollington & Rainow ward, along with the supporting evidence provided. However, we were ultimately persuaded to partially adopt The Silk Road as the boundary between Macclesfield Tytherington and Bollington & Rainow wards, as we consider it to be clear and identifiable. However, we have retained the electors of Dumbah Lane and west of Tytherington Lane that are within Bollington parish within Bollington & Rainow ward. This is based on the submissions received from the Dumbah Association, which expressed that these electors did not consider themselves as part of Macclesfield.

### *Macclesfield West*

101 A local resident agreed with our proposals to retain Broken Cross & Upton and Macclesfield West & Ivy as separate wards and not to merge them. Councillor Brooks and Councillor Mannion, the current councillors for Macclesfield West & Ivy ward, both supported our draft recommendations for this ward. They objected to the Macclesfield Conservative Association’s proposals, which proposed to include Broken Cross Community School, the electors north of the school and a section of Gawsorth Road within a Broken Cross & Upton ward. The Macclesfield Conservative Association argued that their proposal would allow Broken Cross Junction to be entirely contained within a single ward, and reflect the fact that the above-mentioned electors look to Broken Cross for services and amenities.

Councillor Brooks and Councillor Mannion claimed that this proposal is ‘illogical’ and raised concerns that it divided the Weston Estate across two wards.

102 We were not persuaded that the Macclesfield Conservative Association’s proposals for this area would effectively reflect community identities and interests, based on the evidence received. We also did not consider their proposed boundary to be particularly strong or identifiable and as a consequence, did not adopt their suggestions as part of our final recommendations.

103 We recognise the support received for our draft recommendations in this area. However, our decision to retain Bollinbrook within Macclesfield Tytherington ward results in an anticipated forecast variance of -15% for Broken Cross & Upton ward, which we consider too high and would thus not provide for the best balance of our statutory criteria. Therefore, as part of our final recommendations, we have therefore decided to merge Broken Cross & Upton and Macclesfield West & Ivy wards to form a three-councillor Macclesfield West ward. While this moves away from our proposed wards that garnered support during consultation, we consider that this decision facilitates a warding pattern for the broader Macclesfield area that effectively balances our statutory criteria.

#### *Macclesfield Central and Macclesfield South*

104 Councillor Puddicombe and Councillor Braithwaite, the current councillors for Macclesfield South and Macclesfield Central wards, respectively, expressed support for our draft recommendations in this area, agreeing that they reflect communities. Councillor Braithwaite objected to the proposals put forward to us by the Macclesfield Conservative Association and stated that their proposed single-councillor Macclesfield Central ward bordered by Park Lane, Hibel Road, Crompton Road and The Silk Road was ‘artificially compressed’. Their proposed Macclesfield South ward is bordered by Park Lane to the north and Congleton Road to the west.

105 We acknowledge the alternative proposals put forward to us by the Macclesfield Conservative Association. However, we are not convinced by the evidence presented to us that their proposals for Macclesfield Central and Macclesfield South wards would more effectively represent community identities and interests than our draft recommendations. We therefore decided not to adopt their proposals as part of our final recommendations.

106 Despite the support received for our proposals in this area, it is necessary to make changes to these wards as a result of our amendments to Macclesfield Tytherington and Macclesfield West wards to ensure good electoral equality in this area. Therefore, as part of our final recommendations, we have decided to retain the existing arrangements of Macclesfield Central and Macclesfield South wards, with the additional inclusion of Moss parish ward of Gawsorth parish in Macclesfield South ward. We are satisfied that the existing wards provide a good balance across



our three statutory criteria, and therefore, we consider that largely reverting to these arrangements in our final recommendations is appropriate.

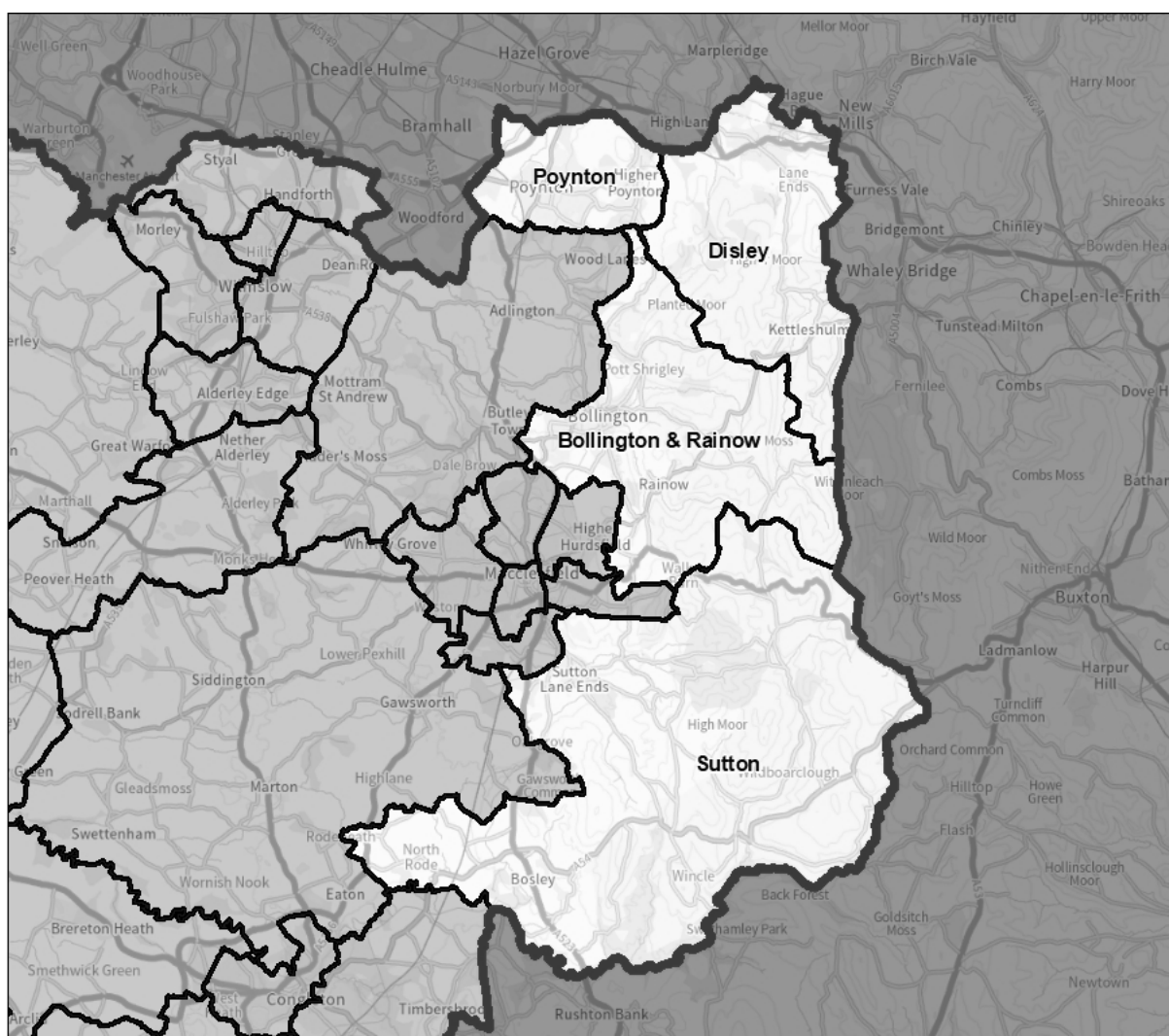
#### *Macclesfield East and Macclesfield Hurdsfield*

107 We did not receive any submissions in response to our draft recommendations directly relating to Macclesfield East ward. We are content that this ward reflects a good balance of our statutory criteria and confirm it as final.

108 Higher Hurdsfield Parish Council objected to our recommendation to transfer the parish into Macclesfield Hurdsfield ward. They reiterated their previous submission that advocated for the retention of the parish within the existing Bollington ward, as they feel more aligned to the rural communities that this ward is comprised of, than the more urban Macclesfield Hurdsfield ward.

109 We carefully considered the evidence received. However, as explained in our draft recommendations report, including Higher Hurdsfield parish in Bollington & Rainow ward would produce a -17% forecasted variance for Macclesfield Hurdsfield ward. We remain of the view that this electoral variance is too high for us to accept and would not provide for good electoral equality. Consequently, we confirm our proposed Macclesfield Hurdsfield ward as final.

## Bollington & Rainow, Disley, Poynton and Sutton



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2030
Bollington & Rainow	2	-8%
Disley	1	3%
Poynton	3	-2%
Sutton	1	-3%

### *Bollington & Rainow and Sutton*

110 Rainow Parish Council and Councillor O'Leary reiterated their previous submissions which requested the retention of Rainow parish within Sutton ward and therefore objected to our proposed Bollington & Rainow ward. However, as addressed in our draft recommendations, retaining Rainow parish within Sutton ward would result in a 25% forecasted electoral variance for Sutton ward. We considered this variance too high to accept, if we are to ensure good electoral equality across wards.

111 Conversely, Bollington Town Council, Councillor Edwards and Councillor Place expressed support for our proposed Bollington & Rainow ward. They acknowledged the objection to our proposals from Rainow Parish Council, but argued that a significant part of the Bollington Settlement Area is located within Rainow parish and that the areas share concerns over housing developments.

112 To conclude, we are confirming our draft recommendations for Bollington & Rainow ward as final, aside from the amendment to its boundary with Macclesfield Tytherington ward as outlined above in paragraph 99.

### *Sutton*

113 Councillor O'Leary supported our recommendation to retain the entirety of Sutton parish within our proposed Sutton ward. Sutton Parish Council and Macclesfield Conservative Association also expressed support for our draft recommendations. However, they suggested that the electors east of the A523 that are within our proposed Gawsworth ward, should be within Sutton ward. They argued that these electors align themselves with Sutton parish. We were unable to adopt this suggestion because it would involve the creation of a parish ward for Gawsworth parish composed of fewer than 30 electors, which we consider to not aid effective and convenient local government. We are therefore confirming our draft recommendations for Sutton ward as final.

### *Poynton*

114 We received submissions in support of our proposals for a three-councillor Poynton ward from the Macclesfield Conservative Association, Poynton Conservatives, Poynton Town Council, the Liberal Democrats, Councillor Beanland and a local resident. The submissions broadly agreed that our proposed ward reflects local identities and interests and were satisfied that our proposed ward boundary also reflected the Poynton parish boundary. Based on the support received, we confirm our proposed Poynton ward as final.

### *Disley*

115 The Liberal Democrats expressed support for our proposed single-councillor Disley ward. We did not receive any further submissions directly relating to this ward. We therefore confirm this ward as final, content that it provides a good reflection of our statutory criteria.



## Conclusions

116 The table below provides a summary as to the impact of our final recommendations on electoral equality in Cheshire East, referencing the 2023 and 2030 electorate figures against the proposed number of councillors and wards. A full list of wards, names and their corresponding electoral variances can be found in Appendix A to the back of this report. An outline map of the wards is provided in Appendix B.

### Summary of electoral arrangements

	Final recommendations	
	2023	2030
Number of councillors	82	82
Number of electoral wards	47	47
Average number of electors per councillor	3,838	4,114
Number of wards with a variance more than 10% from the average	18	1
Number of wards with a variance more than 20% from the average	5	0

#### Final recommendations

Cheshire East Council should be made up of 82 councillors serving 47 wards representing 19 single-councillor wards, 21 two-councillor wards and seven three-councillor wards. The details and names are shown in Appendix A and illustrated on the large maps accompanying this report.

#### Mapping

Sheet 1, Map 1 shows the proposed wards for Cheshire East.

You can also view our final recommendations for Cheshire East on our interactive maps at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

### Parish electoral arrangements

117 As part of an electoral review, we are required to have regard to the statutory criteria set out in Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (the 2009 Act). The Schedule provides that if a parish is to be divided between different wards it must also be divided into parish wards, so that each parish ward lies wholly within a single ward. We cannot recommend changes to the external boundaries of parishes as part of an electoral review.

118 Under the 2009 Act we only have the power to make changes to parish electoral arrangements where these are as a direct consequence of our recommendations for principal authority warding arrangements. However, Cheshire East Council has powers under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to conduct community governance reviews to effect changes to parish electoral arrangements.

119 As a result of our proposed ward boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in Schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Bollington, Brereton, Congleton, Crewe, Hulme Walfield & Somerford Booths, Nantwich, Over Alderley, Sandbach, Wilmslow and Wistaston.

120 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Bollington parish.

#### **Final recommendations**

Bollington Town Council should comprise 12 councillors, as at present, representing four wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Central	4
East	3
Springwood	1
West	4

121 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Brereton parish.

#### **Final recommendations**

Brereton Parish Council should comprise nine councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Bluebell Green	2
Brereton Rural	7

122 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Congleton parish.

**Final recommendations**

Congleton Town Council should comprise 22 councillors, as at present, representing five wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Central	3
North	4
North East	5
South East	6
West	4

123 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Crewe parish.

**Final recommendations**

Crewe Town Council should comprise 20 councillors, as at present, representing seven wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Crewe Central	2
Crewe East	4
Crewe Maw Green	2
Crewe North	2
Crewe South	4
Crewe St Barnabas	2
Crewe West	4

124 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Hulme Walfield & Somerford Booths parish.

**Final recommendations**

Hulme Walfield & Somerford Booths Parish Council should comprise nine councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Giantswood	3
Hulme Walfield	5
Somerford Booths	1

125 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Nantwich parish.

**Final recommendations**

Nantwich Town Council should comprise 15 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Nantwich North	3
Nantwich South	6
Nantwich West	6

126 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Over Alderley parish.

**Final recommendations**

Over Alderley Parish Council should comprise seven councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Alderley Park	2
Over Alderley Rural	5

127 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Sandbach parish.

**Final recommendations**

Sandbach Town Council should comprise 21 councillors, as at present, representing four wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Sandbach Elworth & Ettiley Heath	9
Sandbach Heath & East	5
Sandbach Town	4
Sandbach Wheelock	3

128 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Wilmslow parish.

**Final recommendations**

Wilmslow Town Council should comprise 15 councillors, as at present, representing four wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Wilmslow Dean Row	4
Wilmslow East	2
Wilmslow Lacey Green	3
Wilmslow West	6



129 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Wistaston parish.

#### Final recommendations

Wistaston Parish Council should comprise 12 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
St Mary's	5
Wells Green	3
Wistaston Green	4



## What happens next?

130 We have now completed our review of Cheshire East. The recommendations must now be approved by Parliament. A draft Order – the legal document which brings into force our recommendations – will be laid in Parliament. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the local elections in 2027.



## Equalities

131 The Commission is satisfied that it complies with its legal obligations under the Equality Act and that no adverse equality impacts will arise as a result of the outcome of the review



# Appendices

## Appendix A

### Final recommendations for Cheshire East Council

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2030)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Alderley Edge & Chorley	1	4,059	4,059	6%	4,095	4,095	0%
2	Alsager	3	11,567	3,856	0%	12,503	4,168	1%
3	Audlem	1	4,310	4,310	12%	4,432	4,432	8%
4	Bollington & Rainow	2	7,446	3,723	-3%	7,593	3,797	-8%
5	Brereton	1	3,410	3,410	-11%	4,183	4,183	2%
6	Bunbury	1	3,838	3,838	0%	4,019	4,019	-2%
7	Chelford	1	3,554	3,554	-7%	3,704	3,704	-10%
8	Congleton East	3	11,779	3,926	2%	12,099	4,033	-2%
9	Congleton West	3	11,726	3,909	2%	12,426	4,142	1%
10	Crewe East	2	8,828	4,414	15%	8,838	4,419	7%
11	Crewe Maw Green	1	2,826	2,826	-26%	3,848	3,848	-6%
12	Crewe North	2	8,458	4,229	10%	8,565	4,283	4%

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2030)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
13	Crewe South	2	7,281	3,641	-5%	7,650	3,825	-7%
14	Crewe St Barnabas	1	3,546	3,546	-8%	4,038	4,038	-2%
15	Crewe West	2	7,999	4,000	4%	8,060	4,030	-2%
16	Dane Valley	2	8,665	4,333	13%	8,843	4,422	7%
17	Disley	1	4,245	4,245	11%	4,253	4,253	3%
18	Gawsworth	1	3,199	3,199	-17%	4,321	4,321	5%
19	Handforth	2	5,878	2,939	-23%	7,238	3,619	-12%
20	Haslington	1	4,265	4,265	11%	4,394	4,394	7%
21	High Legh	1	3,644	3,644	-5%	3,701	3,701	-10%
22	Knutsford	3	10,413	3,471	-10%	11,639	3,880	-6%
23	Leighton	2	5,464	2,732	-29%	7,708	3,854	-6%
24	Macclesfield Central	2	7,375	3,688	-4%	7,635	3,818	-7%
25	Macclesfield East	1	3,620	3,620	-6%	4,106	4,106	0%
26	Macclesfield Hurdsfield	1	4,042	4,042	5%	4,024	4,024	-2%
27	Macclesfield South	2	6,689	3,345	-13%	8,058	4,029	-2%



	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2030)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
28	Macclesfield Tytherington	2	7,661	3,831	0%	8,083	4,042	-2%
29	Macclesfield West	3	12,911	4,304	12%	13,490	4,497	9%
30	Middlewich	3	11,298	3,766	-2%	12,623	4,208	2%
31	Mobberley	1	3,946	3,946	3%	3,978	3,978	-3%
32	Nantwich North & West	2	7,722	3,861	1%	8,399	4,200	2%
33	Nantwich South & Stapeley	2	8,546	4,273	11%	8,830	4,415	7%
34	Odd Rode	2	8,137	4,069	6%	8,237	4,119	0%
35	Poynton	3	11,766	3,922	2%	12,098	4,033	-2%
36	Prestbury	1	4,478	4,478	17%	4,511	4,511	10%
37	Sandbach East & Central	2	8,253	4,127	8%	8,609	4,305	5%
38	Sandbach Elworth & Ettiley Heath	2	7,745	3,873	1%	8,020	4,010	-3%
39	Shavington	2	8,523	4,262	11%	8,764	4,382	7%
40	Sutton	1	3,074	3,074	-20%	3,997	3,997	-3%
41	Weston & Wybunbury	2	6,004	3,002	-22%	8,560	4,280	4%

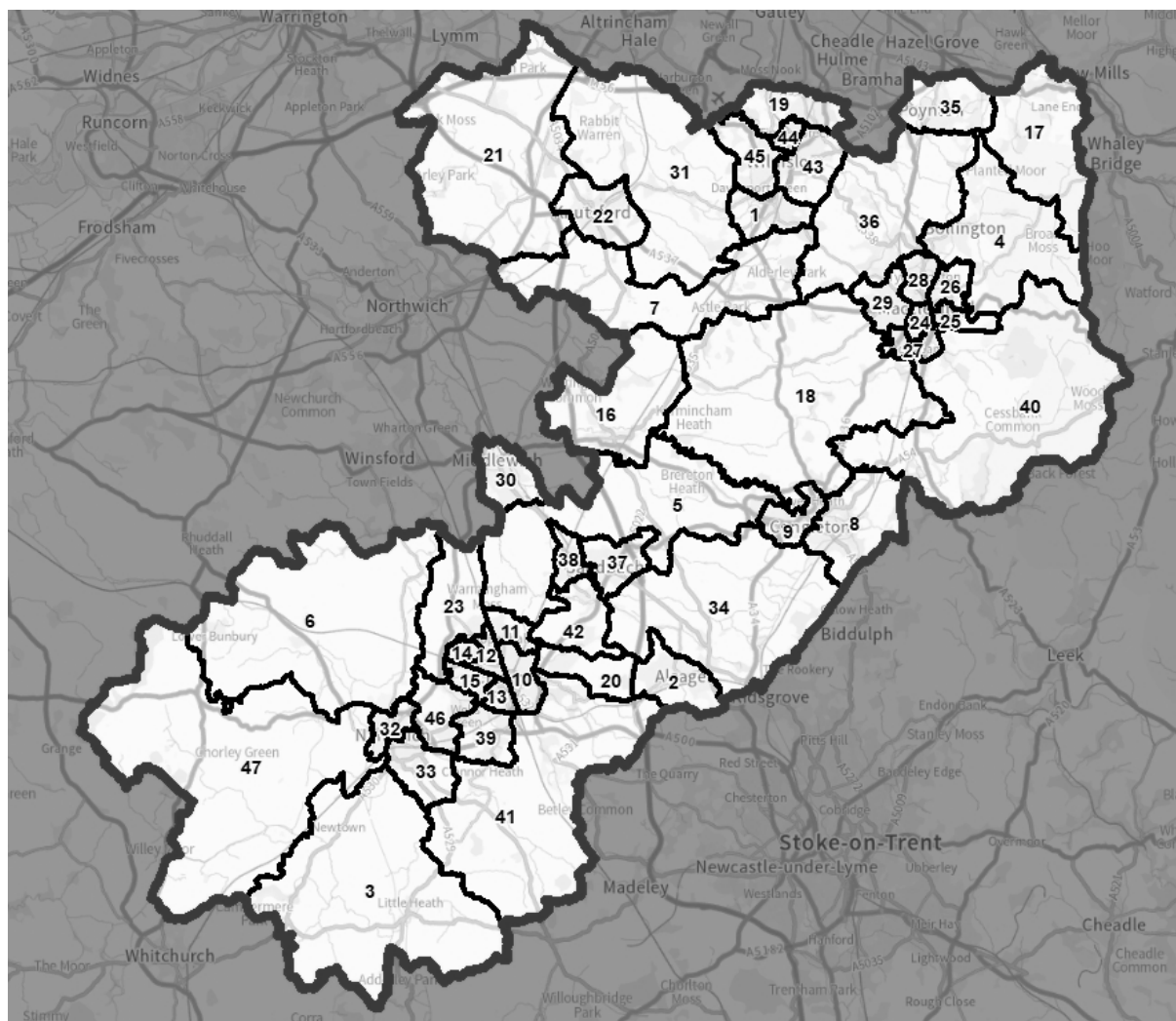
	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2030)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
42	Wheelock & Winterley	1	3,748	3,748	-2%	3,844	3,844	-7%
43	Wilmslow East & Dean Row	2	8,460	4,230	10%	8,669	4,335	5%
44	Wilmslow Lacey Green	1	3,684	3,684	-4%	3,758	3,758	-9%
45	Wilmslow West	2	8,156	4,078	6%	8,264	4,132	0%
46	Wistaston & Willaston	2	8,549	4,275	11%	8,575	4,288	4%
47	Wrenbury	1	3,863	3,863	1%	4,024	4,024	-2%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>82</b>	<b>314,650</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>337,306</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Averages</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>3,838</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>4,114</b>	<b>–</b>

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Cheshire East Council.

Note: The ‘variance from average’ column shows by how far, in percentage terms, the number of electors per councillor in each electoral ward varies from the average for the authority. The minus symbol (-) denotes a lower than average number of electors. Figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

## Appendix B

### Outline map



Number	Ward name
1	Alderley Edge & Chorley
2	Alsager
3	Audlem
4	Bollington & Rainow
5	Brereton
6	Bunbury
7	Chelford
8	Congleton East
9	Congleton West
10	Crewe East
11	Crewe Maw Green
12	Crewe North
13	Crewe South
14	Crewe St Barnabas

15	Crewe West
16	Dane Valley
17	Disley
18	Gawsworth
19	Handforth
20	Haslington
21	High Legh
22	Knutsford
23	Leighton
24	Macclesfield Central
25	Macclesfield East
26	Macclesfield Hurdsfield
27	Macclesfield South
28	Macclesfield Tytherington
29	Macclesfield West
30	Middlewich
31	Mobberley
32	Nantwich North & West
33	Nantwich South & Stapeley
34	Odd Rode
35	Poynton
36	Prestbury
37	Sandbach East & Central
38	Sandbach Elworth & Ettiley Heath
39	Shavington
40	Sutton
41	Weston & Wybunbury
42	Wheelock & Winterley
43	Wilmslow East & Dean Row
44	Wilmslow Lacey Green
45	Wilmslow West
46	Wistaston & Willaston
47	Wrenbury

A more detailed version of this map can be seen on the large map accompanying this report, or on our website: [www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/cheshire-east](http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/cheshire-east)

## Appendix C

### Submissions received

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#### *Local Authority*

- Cheshire East Council

#### *Political Groups*

- Cheshire East Green Party
- Cheshire East Liberal Democrats
- Congleton Conservative Association
- Macclesfield Conservative Association
- Macclesfield Constituency Labour Party
- Poynton Conservatives

#### *Councillors*

- Councillor M. Beanland (Cheshire East Council)
- Councillor E. Braithwaite (Cheshire East Council)
- Councillor M. Brooks (Cheshire East Council)
- Councillor P. Coan (Cheshire East Council)
- Councillor S. Corcoran (Cheshire East Council)
- Councillor T. Dean (Cheshire East Council)
- Councillor D. Edwardes (Cheshire East Council & Macclesfield Town Council)
- Councillor K. Edwards (Cheshire East Council)
- Councillor J. Forrest (Knutsford Town Council)
- Councillor S. Gardiner (Cheshire East Council)
- Councillor E. Gilman (Cheshire East Council & Macclesfield Town Council)
- Councillor K. Hague (Cheshire East Council)
- Councillor A. Harrison (Cheshire East Council)
- Councillor N. Mannion (Cheshire East Council)
- Councillor C. O'Leary (Cheshire East Council)
- Councillor J. Place (Cheshire East Council)
- Councillor J. Pratt (Cheshire East Council)
- Councillor B. Puddicombe (Cheshire East Council)
- Councillor M. Warren (Cheshire East Council & Macclesfield Town Council)

### *Local Organisations*

- Dumbah Association
- Wychwood Development Community Group

### *Parish and Town Councils*

- Bollington Town Council
- Chelford Parish Council
- Cranage Parish Council
- Gawsworth Parish Council
- Higher Hurdsfield Parish Council
- Holmes Chapel Parish Council
- Knutsford Town Council
- Leighton, Minshull Vernon & Woolstanwood Parish Council
- Lower Peover Parish Council
- Ollerton with Marthall Parish Council
- Over Alderley Parish Council
- Poynton Town Council
- Rainow Parish Council
- Somerford Parish Council
- Sutton Parish Council

### *Local Residents*

- 161 local residents

### *Petitions*

- Petition against the Macclesfield Labour Party proposals for Macclesfield Tytherington ward



## Appendix D

### Glossary and abbreviations

Council size	The number of councillors elected to serve on a council
Electoral Change Order (or Order)	A legal document which implements changes to the electoral arrangements of a local authority
Division	A specific area of a county, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever division they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the county council
Electoral inequality	Where there is a difference between the number of electors represented by a councillor and the average for the local authority.
Electorate	People in the authority who are registered to vote in elections. We only take account of electors registered specifically for local elections during our reviews.
Number of electors per councillor	The total number of electors in a local authority divided by the number of councillors
Over-represented	Where there are fewer electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Parish	A specific and defined area of land within a single local authority enclosed within a parish boundary. There are over 10,000 parishes in England, which provide the first tier of representation to their local residents

Parish council	A body elected by electors in the parish which serves and represents the area defined by the parish boundaries. See also 'Town council'
Parish (or town) council electoral arrangements	The total number of councillors on any one parish or town council; the number, names and boundaries of parish wards; and the number of councillors for each ward
Parish ward	A particular area of a parish, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever parish ward they live for candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the parish council
Town council	A parish council which has been given ceremonial 'town' status. More information on achieving such status can be found at <a href="http://www.nalc.gov.uk">www.nalc.gov.uk</a>
Under-represented	Where there are more electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Variance (or electoral variance)	How far the number of electors per councillor in a ward or division varies in percentage terms from the average
Ward	A specific area of a district or borough, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever ward they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the district or borough council



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