

# Cheshire East

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Gawsworth

Gawsworth Parish Council notes the proposed boundary changes for Macclesfield South and Gawsworth, both of which contain parts of Gawsworth Parish. The council has no comment on the revised boundaries themselves.

The Parish Council has noted confusion in the community arising from the name of the Cheshire East ward of Gawsworth, namely reference to Gawsworth as a ward (as distinct from the parish) and a “Gawsworth councillor” (which is not a parish councillor). The Parish Council would therefore like to see the name of the Cheshire East ward of Gawsworth changed.

The Parish Council notes that the revised Gawsworth ward will now contain Hulme Walfield which, we understand, will now be the largest settlement within the ward instead of Gawsworth. We therefore believe that the ward should either be called "Hulme Walfield" or "Hulme Walfield and Gawsworth".

We believe that a change would be compliant with paragraphs 4.59-4.61 of your technical guidance.

4.59 - It will more clearly reflect community identity as the ward will comprise a number of parishes and naming it for one (non central) parish will not resonate with the majority of residents in the ward.

4.60 – The existing name, and the fact that the Parish of Gawsworth is split between two wards causes confusion. A revised name will help

prevent that. We consider it inappropriate for the ward to be named solely for Gawsworth when it does not contain the entirety of the parish as this creates confusion.

4.61 – There is a substantial change to the proposed boundary. Gawsworth was previously reasonably central to the ward and it is now on the periphery. We consider this justifies a change in name and that a revised name will better reflect the constituent communities of the proposed electoral area.

We believe that a “Hulme Walfield” name for the ward would be suitable since the Parish containing Hulme Walfield has a longer name which aids clarity (Hulme Walfield and Somerford Booths), alternatively a name in which Gawsworth is placed second as the second largest settlement would also be satisfactory.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*