

Cheshire East

Personal Details:

Name: Mrs Tina Cartlidge

Email: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Organisation Name: Holmes Chapel Parish Council (Representative of parish/town council)

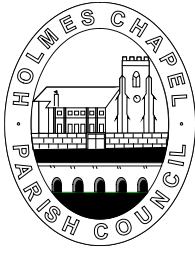
Comment text:

Related subject: Dane Valley Ward

Please see attached detailed response from Holmes Chapel Parish Council

Attached Documents:

- ce-boundary-review-2024---response-oct-24.pdf



Holmes Chapel Parish Council

Clerk of the Council: Tina Cartlidge

Email: clerk@holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk

Deputy Clerk: Sue McKay

Email: admin@holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk

1 Church Walk, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, CW4 7AZ

Dane Valley Ward – Cheshire East Boundary Review 2024

This consultation considers the ward boundaries and the number of councillors for each ward. For the Dane Valley Ward the proposal is to leave the ward boundary unchanged with two councillors to represent the residents of the ward.

It is the stated view of Holmes Chapel Parish Council that, with significant developments immediately adjacent to the parish boundary, it is appropriate to review the southern boundary (i.e. the border with Brereton Rural ward) so that the Dane Valley ward encompasses these new developments.

Although the developments are within the current Brereton Rural ward, they are some considerable distance from any of the existing developed part of that ward.

It is clear, as the new developments south of the parish boundary at Bluebell Green and Dunkirk Farm Lane have become fully occupied, that the residents have not only stated in a survey that they consider themselves to be residents of Holmes Chapel, but that by their actions clearly relate to Holmes Chapel.

These residents send their children to the nurseries, primary, and secondary schools in Holmes Chapel, being within walking distance of their homes. They use the facilities that Holmes Chapel offers with the Health Centre, Library, Shops, Churches, Leisure Centres and Food and Drink outlets all being facilities that are not available or as accessible within Brereton Rural. Please refer to Appendix 2 which outlines the services available in each Parish.

It is reasonable therefore that they should be represented by the same councillors as Holmes Chapel, the Dane Valley Ward councillors.

The October 2024 consultation document New Electoral arrangements for Cheshire East Council; Draft Recommendations reported as follows:

We received a submission from Holmes Chapel Parish Council that proposed the Dane Valley ward boundary reflect the revised settlement boundary for Holmes Chapel. In the absence of information on where this new settlement boundary lies, we were unable to adopt this proposal. However, we welcome further information and local opinion on this suggestion.

The Parish Council made representations to the consultation and to the Planning Inspectors examination of the Cheshire East Council Site Allocations Development Policy Document (SADPD) which formed the second part of the Local Plan. (The CEC Local Plan was made/adopted in July 2017.) Holmes Chapel Parish Council proposed the inclusion of

developed housing sites immediately to the south of the parish/ward boundary. This was accepted and the new defined Settlement Boundary which includes the developments on the south boundary of the Parish was revised accordingly by the Planning Inspector and accepted by Cheshire East Council. (A copy of the now agreed Settlement Boundary can be seen in Appendix 1)

It is this southern edge of this revised settlement boundary that should form the boundary of the Dane Valley Ward.

With regard to the balance of representation between Dane Valley and Brereton Rural Wards the Boundary Commission Draft Report dated October 2024 gave the following predicted figures for 2030 elector numbers in Appendix A:

Brereton Rural	4532 electors per councillor	1 Councillor
Dane Valley	4247 electors per councillor	2 Councillors

This means that in 6 years, Brereton Rural is predicated to have more electors per councillor than the Dane Valley Ward, yet provides far fewer services. To transfer electors from Bluebell Green and Dunkirk Farm will result in a more balanced distribution.

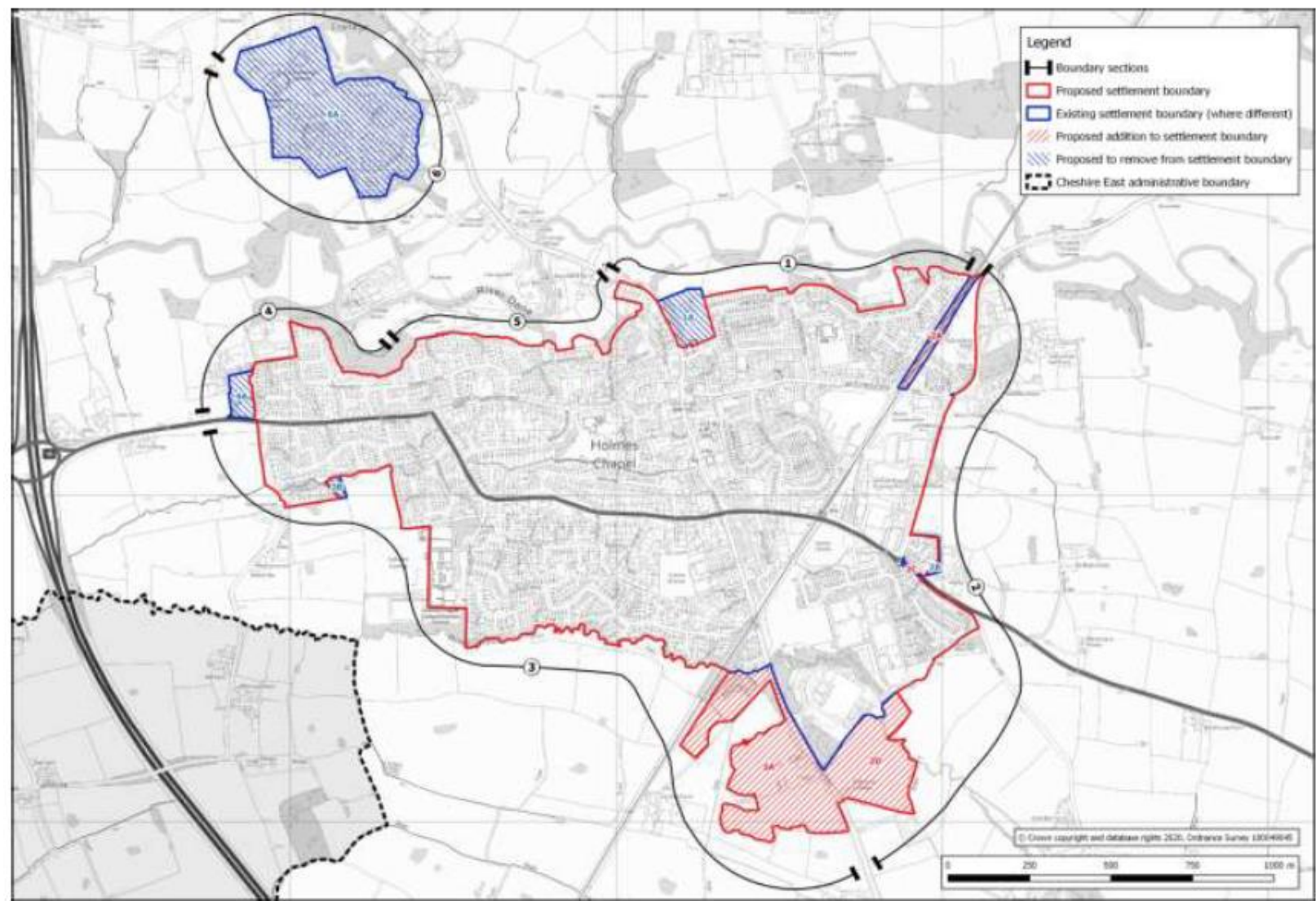
Conclusion

As stated in our response to the Draft recommendations, we noted that the report identified that the wishes of the residents were on balance in favour of being included in the Dane Valley Ward as they identified as living in Holmes Chapel.

Now that these residents are established, they have shown, as noted above, by their actions that they clearly use Holmes Chapel facilities as though they are residents of Homes Chapel and hence would by preference be represented by the two Dane Valley Ward Councillors.

We therefore strongly recommend that the southern boundary of the Dane Valley Ward be changed to be the same as that of the now adopted Settlement Boundary as shown in Appendix 1.

Appendix 1 - SADPD Boundary Map



Appendix 2

BRERETON & HOLMES CHAPEL PARISHES COMPARISON OF LOCAL SERVICE PROVISION

	BRERETON PARISH	HOLMES CHAPEL PARISH
Primary School	1	2
Secondary School	0	1
Pre-school centres	0	3
Health Centre	0	1
Dentist	0	1
Community Centre	0	1
Public Library	0	1
Post Office	0	1
Scout & Guides Centre	0	1
Kids Play Centre	0	1
Supermarket	0	1
Mini-markets (Convenience Stores)	0	3
Bakers / Confectioners	0	1
Butchers	0	1
Cafes / Coffee shops	0	4
Pubs	1	3
Bar	0	1
Restaurants	1	2
Food take-aways	0	3
Ironmonger / DIY supplies	0	2
Furniture Store	0	1
Garage services	0	3
Gift shop	0	1
Print & Stationery shop	0	1
Florist	0	1
Solicitors / Legal Services	0	3
Beauty salons	0	2
Hairdressers / Barbers shops	0	8
Podiatrist	0	2
Gym	0	2
Martial Arts club	0	1
Car sales	0	1
Estate Agents	0	2
Veterinary services	0	1
Pet Care Services	0	2
Churches	1	3