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Eccleshall division is completely ridiculous. It stretches from Enson near Salt to Knighton near Newport, has houses within the Newcastle urban area in Northwood, and has residents west of the A34 in Trentham. Yet it does not include Woodseaves and Ellenhall - which are within the Eccleshall town economic area. Most strangely it also has Marston Grange, which is a newly-built housing estate completely integrated to Stafford. As a county candidate for Eccleshall, when I explained they were in Eccleshall most asked where on earth that is! It would be better for Eccleshall ward to be combined with Gnosall ward and Ellenhall PD to form a new division. These areas are more homogenous - highly rural, the western edge of the borough, with dependencies on Newport and Stafford for services like Secondary schools , shops, transport, and employment. Our residents would be better served with a division that more closely reflects a shared life. To the north, the parish of Swynnerton could be combined with the rest of their ward, and with Barlaston and Fulford, to create a single division and a strong voice for these rural areas attached to the city of Stoke – as they will be in the seat of Stoke-on-Trent and have an MP predominantly concerned with city affairs. To the east, Seighford has more in common with parts of Stafford and the county division boundaries need to reflect urban-suburban needs more closely. The current division that stretches from Stafford railway station to the Newport bypass is almost as ridiculous as Eccleshall.

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