

Public Consultation On LGBCE Draft Recommendations

Additional Comments on Submission 1009011: 10 July 2023

Ruyton & Baschurch ED extension

It was proposed that the southern boundary of the ED should be moved northwards. The number of electors in the LGBCE extension was $3,900 - 3,786 = 114$. The number in the north of Walford Heath and Greenacres is ~52 (some 26 properties) making a total of 166. If these 166 are deducted from Ruyton & Baschurch it leaves 3,734 with a variance of 4%. With these 166 added on to Tern, it increases that total to 3,708, a variance of 3%. This is a better balanced and much 'tidier' solution than the bulge into Tern which split Old Woods.

Cleobury Mortimer ED & Clee ED

The Shropshire Council proposes that Nash and Boraston should be returned to Clee (not necessary) leaving Cleobury Mortimer with -14.5% from the LGBCE version with -2%. It is hard to see how this could be acceptable without any other additions, but none are offered.

Bishop's Castle ED

The Shropshire Council is against the addition of Church Pulverbatch, but does not explain how its 3,198 electorate is defined. If it includes the 3 other parishes from Burnell, the total would be 3,265 but there is an apparent objection to these, being equally far from the town of Bishop's Castle. Adding Hopesay instead, does work out with a total of 3,379 and -6%.

Broseley ED and Much Wenlock ED

The electors in Jackfield are much less than those in Broseley Wood. An exchange would push Broseley to 11% unnecessarily, leaving Much Wenlock wrapped round the north of the town. The original LGBCE decision in the draft recommendations is supported, as it has been for the last 15 years, and keeps the electorate below 10% for good equality.

Abbey ED and Sutton & Column

The Shropshire Council is proposing the transfer of some 320 electors from Abbey to Sutton & Column which pushes the electorate of the latter to 4,049 with +13% variance. The LGBCE figures were within range, but maybe a convenient move of only 100 electors from Abbey would have produced a better balance with both of them around +7%.

Radbrook ED, Copthorne ED and Meole ED

It would seem sensible to make the Rad Brook the southern boundary of Copthorne, with the other adjustments in the area. It does take Copthorne just over the 10% but brings Radbrook down below 12%. It may not need a small transfer to Meole as well, although Bank Drive (16), Bank Drive West (17) and Bank Farm Road (19) would even things up !

Longden ED and Loton ED

There seems to be an exchange proposed with Ford remaining with Longden and Bicton Rural Parish joining Loton Instead. At least this one leaves them both well within range !

Severn Valley ED

It seems the Shropshire Council may not have deducted the electors from Atcham into Reabrook, but returning Cound to Severn Valley seems illogical with the other changes.