

# Gloucestershire

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**Related subject:** Prestbury & Swindon Village and St Pauls & Pittville

My name is [REDACTED] I live in Cheltenham and I have done for over 33 years.

I am writing to oppose the proposal to create a new set of divisions Prestbury & Swindon Village and St Pauls & Pittville.

I know the area very well as a resident and think that the proposals will cause Major damage not only to the local communities there but will also make local government worse for residents.

1. The original divisions Pittville & Prestbury and Swindon Village & St Pauls are well established communities. They have closely knit highways network, transport links, local groups and amenities. Severing these wards would cause major disruption to local communities.

2. The new proposed divisions are badly matched, As an example the new proposed Swindon Village & Prestbury division has wards that are in completely different geographical parts of the town. with separate population centres separated by several miles, with different political interests.

3. Anyone local to Cheltenham knows the biggest issue is in the area is Cheltenham Racecourse and managing race week.

The proposals will create a division line between the Racecourse and the centre of town, making the management of the event politically harder, with mixed representations and muddled responsibility to hold councillors to account for the decisions they make.

4. There is widespread anger at the suggestion of a Cheltenham "Outer Village" The current arrangements keep people in Prestbury and Swindon Village more in touch with Cheltenham politics and don't feel part of the town's discussions . Removing them into an "Outer Division" will alienate them even further.

5. There are better ways of dealing with electoral equality between the 2 current divisions by moving certain residential areas around Tommy Taylor's Lane and Swindon Village.

I Implore the Boundary Commission to take a step back and stop this proposal , it would do massive damage to the area, destroy a well established set of divisions and give local residents worse Representation and Government.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*