

# Cheshire East

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Crewe St Barnabas

I would agree with the recommendation to maintain Crewe St Barnabas ward as per the existing ward boundaries.

The name is widely recognised and accepted by residents. St. Barnabas is an area with a unique identity and community, with the name originating from St Barnabas church, which is also a community hub - known locally as the Barnies Community Hub.

Another key part of the identity of St Barnabas is Bentley Motors, where many residents work at the facility, often spanning more than one generation or have a connection to it.

Homes in areas such as Rolls Avenue relate back to when the Bentley Factory was formerly Rolls Royce, and residences in this area were originally factory workers homes, with newer roads such as Royce Close reflecting this.

Central to education in the ward is Underwood West primary school, and the Oak Tree Family Hub which provides support to families and young people up to 19 years of age. Again, this forms a key part of the community, where families across the ward can integrate, and get help and support alongside mainstream education.

St Barnabas sometimes referred to as the “West End” by locals maintains its own unique identify, which is very different to Crewe Central and the town centre area, or Leighton. I believe it is best kept as per the existing ward name and boundaries. It would likely be an unpopular move with residents to merge or change the ward name or boundaries.

The ward has a diverse mix of residents, including many older individuals, particularly in the Westbourne Avenue, Sandiway Road, and Windsor Avenue areas, where many have long-established roots.

On either side of Frank Webb Avenue, you'll find areas predominantly consisting of Guinness Housing association properties, while Timbrell Avenue, Smith Grove, and neighbourhoods like Kettell, Darlington, Bowen Cooke, and McNeill Avenue function as distinct but similar "micro-communities" within the ward.

The ward also features a mix of relatively newer family homes near the Grosvenor Park estate at the top of the ward, alongside numerous smaller properties like apartments, creating a diverse residential community.

Geographically central to the ward is Leighton Brook Park which provides open space for sports and exercise, as well as playground facilities which local residents and school children were involved in the design of. Being central in the ward, this is a widely used facility almost uniquely by St Barnabas residents. The ward is served by two community shops on Frank Webb Avenue and Badger Avenue.

The electors per seat ratio for St. Barnabas is currently within 10% of the borough average and is projected to align with the average by 2030.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*