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Dear Review Team,

I have looked at the website, looked at the process, and tried to understand what this means for me as a resident living off Manchester Road in new Mulberry Park. Given that the Labour Party has only just been elected to represent Macclesfield for the very first time (this was a Tory seat for 50 years so I believe) I am a little concerned you are taking their recommendations.

Feedback:

I get wards need to be reviewed but this can't be political for Labour Party gain to try and stay in power, not any party.

1. I get wards to grow and it needs to be balanced for no./ of residents. Given CEC in the last 10 years has not invested a lot into this area and appears to be more favored to other parts of CEC I am concerned that we have equality where views are presented
2. No. of Councillors - do we need to increase or be smarter (i.e. salaries/pensions) with technology and AI how can they perform these roles more efficiently for residents? If they need more resources I get it but are we just creating "jobs" here where it is not needed?
3. Macclesfield used to be a vibrant thriving town, but now parking fees, charity shops, and awful shops have driven everyone out. Some come back in areas. But M&S is gone now. CEC is ruining the town with excessive parking fees (they are now trying to charge Prestbury residents) that are not balanced across the region. Wilmslow appears to be on the up again thriving and so is Knutsford.
4. I am part of Middlewood Partnership and wish to stay as part of the surgery
5. In the text below you do not clearly highlight what the impact on residents of what you are proposing - going from 2 to 1 councillors for how many people to be serviced you don't state the number.

6. Do I go to Bollington yes, I use the cricket ground the butchers and Tesco's and visit the curry house/cheese shop.

7. Are you creating more division amongst wards rather than bring people together?

Happy to discuss this.

Macclesfield Tytherington

The Liberal Democrats proposed to retain the existing arrangements for a two-councillor Macclesfield Tytherington ward that follows the Macclesfield and Bollington parish boundary. The Council, supported by Councillor Edwardes, alternatively proposed to extend the boundary further north to The Silk Road, stating that this would better reflect community identities and promote effective and convenient local government. Both proposals result in a Macclesfield Tytherington ward with good electoral equality by 2030.

In contrast, the Macclesfield Labour Party submitted a proposal for a single-councillor Macclesfield Tytherington ward that is forecast an electoral variance of 13%. They transferred the community of Bollinbrook from the existing Macclesfield Tytherington ward, as they argued the railway and the River Bollin both represent physical barriers for electors across the current ward. This argument was supported by the community evidence we received from many residents during consultation that argued that Bollinbrook has no community ties to the Tytherington area and should be included within a Broken Cross & Upton ward.

The Macclesfield Civic Society also stated that Bollinbrook is separated from the rest of the ward by the River Bollin. We visited this location whilst touring the area and we agree that the Bollinbrook community is separate from the rest of Macclesfield Tytherington ward. After careful consideration of the persuasive community evidence received from Macclesfield Labour Party and the residents of Bollinbrook, we have decided to adopt Macclesfield Labour Party's proposal for Macclesfield Tytherington ward, subject to a minor modification. We propose to include the electors east of Tytherington Lane into the proposed Bollington & Rainow ward, to ensure the entirety of Springwood Estate is contained within one ward. This reflects the evidence received from the Council which stated that their recent community governance review consultation revealed the existence of community ties between Springwood Estate residents and the area of Bollington north of The Silk Road.

Our proposed modification also improves electoral equality slightly from a 13% to a 12% forecasted variance. While this electoral variance is slightly higher than what we would usually recommend, we consider it is justified, when taken into consideration along with our other two statutory criteria

Attached Documents:

None attached