

# Cheshire East

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**Related subject:** Tytherington

I would like to thank the Local Government Boundary Commission for all its hard work in reviewing the ward boundaries in the borough of Cheshire East. Like many others who have made submissions, I support the broad shape of most of the Commission's proposals as they relate to the area around Macclesfield.

However, as a Tytherington resident, I am writing to express my strong concerns about the revised proposals for the Macclesfield Tytherington ward and the knock on impacts on wards in Macclesfield. These concerns are informed from having also served as the MP for Macclesfield from 2010 – 2024.

The Commission's revised proposals result in Tytherington becoming a single member ward. As has been highlighted in the revised proposals, this can only be achieved by significantly changing the current Tytherington ward and moving parts of Tytherington into either Macclesfield Central ward to the south or Bollington and Rainow ward.

It is clear to all who are familiar with the local area that Beech Farm Drive and Beechwood Mews are part of Tytherington. They are a distinct and very separate area from Macclesfield town centre. Houses on these roads have Tytherington addresses and residents clearly believe they live in Tytherington. These streets should remain in Tytherington and not be subsumed into the Macclesfield Central ward.

Furthermore, residents in Livesley Road and the roads surrounding it do not regard themselves as being part of the communities of Pott Shrigley,

Bollington, or Rainow, and clearly homes on or around Livesley Road should not be included in a ward with these communities. They should also remain in Tytherington to ensure consistency with the Commission's cohesive communities criteria.

These proposed changes to the revised Tytherington ward not only fail to respect very clear and natural boundaries to the areas set out in the two previous paragraphs, but also mean that the revised, smaller Tytherington ward will still be some 20 percent above the Commission's upper tolerance level for the number of voters – the highest in the borough!

As a further consequence of these changes, a new town centre ward, Macclesfield Springwood, would be created with around just 220 voters - the lowest number in a Macclesfield town council ward by far. It seems extraordinary that residents in this proposed ward would be over twenty times more represented than their neighbours in the revised Tytherington ward!

Not only would the proposed Macclesfield Springwood ward be very small, but this new splinter like ward would be completely out of character with other wards in the area which are more clearly aligned with their local communities.

There is also strong local opposition from many Tytherington residents to the revised proposals and the impact they will have on local communities.

For the reasons set out above, I would request that the Commission seriously reconsiders its proposals with regards to Macclesfield Tytherington, Macclesfield Central, and Bollington and Rainow wards. The Commission's final proposals would benefit from considering alternative options that more fully respect the integrity and identity of the Tytherington community.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*