

Council meeting 23 July 2009

Agenda item 8 Electoral Review – Submission on Warding Arrangements

Appendix 5

Summary of representations received on the warding arrangements being recommended to Council

Town and Parish Councils (in addition to those already reported in Appendix 4)

General observations

There have been a few adverse comments about the limited period of time allowed for consultation.

Some parish councils have indicated that they will reserve their position until the Boundary Committee's own proposals are known.

Some have expressed concerns about workloads of Councillors representing rural wards in terms of attending Parish Council meetings.

Town or parish Council	Representation received	Observations
Knutsford LAP area		
Knutsford Town Council	None received	
High Legh Parish Council	Supportive of proposed High Legh Ward with some reservations about electoral ratio	Support noted
Wilmslow LAP area	None received	
Poynton LAP area		
Poynton Town Council	The proposals have full support	Support noted
Adlington Parish Council	Concerned at parish being located in 2 member Poynton Rural Ward	Little scope to relocate without adverse knock on effect on other proposed wards. Poynton Industrial Estate is located in Adlington Parish. Consideration could be given to renaming the Ward.
Disley Parish	Supports the proposed	Support noted

Council	Disley Ward pointing out an anomaly between the proposed ward map and the commentary in Appendix 4 concerning the location of Lyme Handley Parish	The anomaly should be corrected by amending the ward map to locate Lyme Handley in the Disley Ward
Macclesfield LAP area		
A Bollington Town Councillor	Bollington has little in common with Higher Hurdsfield. Rainow Parish should be added in its entirety to Bollington ward	Little scope to substitute as suggested. See views of Rainow. Views of Higher Hurdsfield not known.
Rainow Parish Council	Support location of the Parish in proposed Sutton Ward	Support noted
Henbury Parish Council	Suggested renaming of Gawsworth ward to Gawsworth and Henbury Ward	Whilst in general proposed wards have been named after the largest settlement in the Ward an exception could be made.
Sutton Parish Council	Clarification of comment in Appendix 4 – The Parish Council's view is confined to support for the location of the parish in a Sutton rural ward.	Clarification noted Sutton Parish's Lyme Green ward is located in the proposed Macclesfield South Ward
Congleton LAP area		
Congleton Town Council	Broadly supportive of the proposal	Support noted
Middlewich Town Council	Supportive of retention of the existing 3 member ward	Support noted
Sandbach Town Council	Proposals are being developed for 4 single member wards	The proposals for Sandbach in line with those for more urban areas incorporate two 2 member wards.
Holmes Chapel Parish Council	Recommend two member ward for the existing Holmes Chapel Parish only	The Ward would have insufficient electors to support two members. Instead Holmes Chapel has been kept intact by aligning with it adjacent Parish Councils
Moston Parish Council and Warmingham Parish Council and Bradwell Parish	Proposal is inconsistent re number of members to represent Congleton Rural Ward	Proposal is for single member ward. The inconsistency should be corrected

Council		
Moston Parish Council	One member not sufficient for Congleton Rural Ward	The ratio of one member per approximately 3500 electors is a result of the Boundary Committee's decision on Council size
Betchton Parish Council	Suggest relocate parish from Congleton Rural ward into Odd Rode Ward where community links are stronger	This suggestion can not be accommodated without detriment to electoral equality. Betchton has much in common with both Odd Rode Ward and Congleton Rural Ward
Odd Rode Parish Council	Welcome proposed Odd Rode 2 member ward	Support noted
Smallwood Parish Council	Welcome proposed Congleton Rural ward	Support noted
Bradwell Parish Council	Support the location of the parish in the Congleton Rural Ward	Support noted
Alsager Town Council	Support the proposed Alsager Ward	Support noted
Crewe LAP area		
Leighton Parish Councillor	Leighton Rural Parish Ward incorporating Leighton Hospital should be located in a Crewe North ward rather than rural Bunbury Ward	The change could be made without detriment to electoral equality. Although mainly serving Crewe Town, the hospital has a rural setting. The Crewe LAP description in Appendix 4 wrongly locates Leighton Hospital in the Crewe LAP
Haslington Parish Council	General comments about the relationship between proposed wards and LAP boundaries and about proposals in other LAPs and about the LAP commentaries	<p>The use of LAP boundaries was a fundamental principle used in the decision on Council size.</p> <p>LAP commentaries will be refined prior to submission in line with the proposed delegation to finalise the submission.</p> <p>There will be scope to amend LAP boundaries once new warding arrangements are in place during 2010.</p>
Haslington Parish Council	Strong objection to part of the Oakhanger parish ward being located in proposed Alsager Ward	The parish ward is split by the M6 motorway.
Haslington	Propose that Wheelock	The Parish Council proposal has

Parish Council	Heath be both located in the proposed Haslington Ward rather than in Sandbach West Ward	strong evidence of community identity and could be accommodated without detriment to electoral equality
Nantwich LAP area		
Nantwich Town Council	Retain boudaries of existing Nantwich Town Council with preference for single member wards.	The proposals for Nantwuch in line with those for more urban areas incorporate two 2 member wards
Dodcott-Cum-Wilkesley Parish Council	Object to Audlem single member ward	There were submissions at the previous stage in the review from the rural parts of the Nantwich LAP area seeking single member wards for sparse rural areas.

Members of Parliament

General observations

Stephen O Brien (Eddisbury) via constituency association	General comment about wards overlapping constituency boundary	Parliamentary constituencies are not a criterion is this review
Stephen O Brien (Eddisbury) via constituency association	Multi members wards strongly favoured within the Constituency	The proposal is based on single member wards in sparsely populated rural areas following informal guidance from the Boundary Committee

Local Strategic Partnership members

No observations received