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Comment text:

Dear Sir or Madam

At its recent meeting, members of Clay Cross Parish Council discussed the current boundary review of County Council divisions. Whilst the Parish Council resolved not to make a formal submission, they did agree that the Parish Council should write to The Commission to express their view that the Parish of Clay Cross should be within one electoral division.

At the last review in 2012, the Parish area was split between two County divisions. Clay Cross South Parish Ward, which has coterminous boundaries with Clay Cross South District ward, is part of the Clay Cross South Electoral Division. Clay Cross North Parish Ward, which is not coterminous with the Clay Cross North District Ward, is part of the Clay Cross North Electoral Division.

The experience of this Council is that this splitting of the town is confusing to parishioners and burdensome to the Parish Council. It has also meant that the town lacks one voice to speak and champion its cause, something that became apparent when the town was awarded Government Town Deal Funding. Whilst members recognised that Clay Cross Parish is too small to form one division on its own, they believe that the best interests of the town are served by it being wholly within one electoral division.

We look forward to the publication of your draft proposals.

Yours faithfully

Dawn Kershaw, Parish Clerk
Clay Cross Parish Council

Attached Documents:

None attached