

# Gloucestershire

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Bishop's Cleeve

Please see attached letter.

## Attached Documents:

- Local Government Boundary Commission.docx



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Dear Sirs,

**Gloucestershire Review**

Further to the current consultation, I have been asked to comment as follows:

Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council is not supportive of the principle of splitting county councillor representation for Bishop's Cleeve, which is, in its opinion, is a distinct community and settlement.

The Council does not consider that residents of the Cleevelands area of Bishop's Cleeve parish would have similar concerns to those of areas including Boddington, Staverton and Shurdington, which would be served by the one councillor covering the Severn Vale area - a huge geographical area with many differing concerns and issues. One County Councillor serving such a wide area would not be able to serve the residents of Bishop's Cleeve parish in the same way as a councillor residing / representing a single identifiable community.

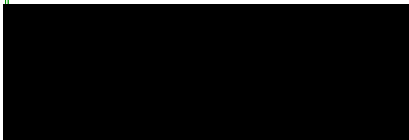
The Council accepts that the variance is large but given that other areas are considered to be worthy of allowing variances in the interests of community identity, even where this includes two separate communities, the Council considers it unjust that part of Bishop's Cleeve can be carved off and attached to an area that is effectively a mop up of areas in this part of the county. There is no identifiable boundary for the inclusion of part of Bishop's Cleeve when other similar areas have been allowed to remain intact.

The Council accepts that the Commission cannot comply with all elements of electoral equality, i.e. each local councillor representing a similar number of electors and that each division has community identity by reflecting the identity and interests of local communities.

The Council accepts that Bishop's Cleeve is a large community, but the residents of one part of the parish do not deserve to be attached to the mop up division when they could be represented by a councillor that knows and understands their concerns in the locality.

The Council has no concerns regarding the splitting of the three wards to four.

Yours faithfully,

  
Amanda Winstone  
Clerk to the Council  
Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council