

# Gloucestershire

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**Related subject:** Horns Road Stroud Trinity Ward

I wish to strongly object to the proposed electoral boundary changes that will see a part of the town moved into an extended Gloucestershire County Council division that includes Bisley and Painswick.

"Many vital public amenities in Trinity ward provide essential services for residents across the whole of town, including the hospitals and health facilities, Stroud cemetery, Trinity church, Trinity Rooms and Stroud Valleys School. Divorcing this area from the rest of town will impact on cohesion of service provision," says Stroud Mayor Stella Parkes.

"Residents in Trinity ward feel part of Stroud and have no relationship to Bisley and Painswick. There is a huge difference between urban and rural communities and their needs."

Stroud county councillor David Drew said: "I don't envy the councillor who ends up with this proposed ward as it will be a challenge to attend all the various parish meetings effectively, or know the schools intimately. It will not make for effective local government.

I very much agree with Stroud Town Councils response: "This is a result of the government's obsession with trying just to run representation around numbers rather than locations with a 'one size fits all approach'."

The Town Council says there are huge benefits from current arrangements where town/district/county boundaries are the same.

"It would be administratively inefficient and ineffective to have two county councillors representing the town," says Councillor Parkes.

"The new Bisley and Painswick division covers seven parish and town council areas (Stroud, Brimscombe and Thrupp, Pitchcombe, Bisley, Painswick, Cranham and Miserden) and three District wards. It is unrealistic to expect the county councillor to engage effectively with all of the parish and district councillors."

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*