

Cheshire East

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Related subject: Gawsworth/Macclesfield South Boundary

I am a parish councillor for Gawsworth Parish representing the Gawsworth Moss ward, the area covered by polling district 4BFR. This area is part of the Cheshire East Council (CEC) Macclesfield South ward. The remainder of the Gawsworth community is included in the Gawsworth CEC ward. The proposal from CEC is change the Gawsworth/Macclesfield CEC boundary by adding a new polling district 4GDT to the Macclesfield South CEC ward.

I do not support this proposal as I believe the whole Gawsworth community (covered by the Gawsworth parish area) should be contained within the CEC ward of Gawsworth. This was the situation in place for many years until 2011 when the last local government boundary review changes were introduced.

Prior to the previous review the area referred to as Gawsworth Moss parish ward was part of a single parish ward of Gawsworth and part of the former Macclesfield Borough Council Gawsworth ward. It was a well established community with strong links to the rest of Gawsworth village and parish. The area was originally physically separated from Macclesfield. It was the later expansion of Macclesfield towards Gawsworth that created the situation seen today.

Evidence collected for the recent Community Governance Review showed that the residents of Gawsworth Moss continue to identify with and have strong links to the village and parish of Gawsworth, despite the proximity of Macclesfield.

I would therefore ask that the Commission treat the community represented by Gawsworth parish as a single entity and ensure it is included in CEC Gawsworth ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached