

Cheshire East

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- brereton-parish-council-submission-to-the-boundary-commission---final.pdf

Brereton Parish Council submission to the Boundary Commission Consultation review of the number of councillors, wards and ward names for Cheshire East Council 23 January- 1 April 2024

Currently the whole of Brereton Parish is in the Brereton Rural Ward of Cheshire East Council.

Brereton Parish Council (BPC) understands from the information produced by the Boundary Commission that the number of electors in Brereton Rural Ward, both now and projected for 2030, is too far above the average for Cheshire East and this is likely to result in Brereton Rural Ward being replaced by a smaller ward and some areas reallocated to different wards.

BPC strongly believes that the whole of Brereton Parish should be in the same ward of Cheshire East when the new ward is put in place.

Keeping all of Brereton Parish in the same ward of Cheshire East would achieve the stated objectives of the boundary review. It will align wards with local identities as the people of Brereton Parish have a strong identity as a whole which resulted in it having the earliest made Neighbourhood Plan in Cheshire East in March 2016. It will also prevent a division within the Brereton Parish community. Brereton Parish has well defined physical boundaries, including rivers and roads and these are important well known boundaries.

Brereton Parish Council works closely with the Brereton Rural Ward Councillor and believes strongly that this one to one relationship is a vital part of the success that Brereton Parish has in serving the community of Brereton Parish. The ward councillor agrees that all of Brereton Parish should be in one ward of the borough council.

The whole parish being in one ward allows the democratic process to operate efficiently, effectively and conveniently between Brereton Parish Council and the Cheshire East Ward Councillor

BPC understands, from the work being carried out by Cheshire East Council, that it is possible to define a new Brereton Ward of Cheshire East Council, which would contain all of Brereton Parish and would be within the required 10% variance from average. The Chair of BPC spoke at a recent Cheshire East full council meeting to propose that all of Brereton Parish should be in the proposed Brereton Ward. With the support of the current Brereton Rural Ward Councillor this was agreed by a majority of all the borough councillors such that the Cheshire East input to the Ward Boundary Review will be on that basis.

BPC submits that it should be an important part of the ward boundary review to have the whole of Brereton Parish within one ward of Cheshire East. This new ward could be called Brereton Ward making it easy for the people of Brereton Parish to identify with both the ward and parish as they will have the same well-known name of Brereton.