

Cheshire East

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Whilst the Parish Council supports the establishment of the Weston ward which focuses on the Parish Council boundaries, there are two areas of concern.

Firstly, there is an anomaly with the boundary between Crewe Green and Crewe whereby the boundary goes through a number of houses and gardens (see attached map). This was considered during the Cheshire East Council Community Governance Review whereby there was the suggestion that that the boundary be relocated to Sydney Road. The response was as follows –

“Transfer, from the parish of Crewe Green to the parish of Crewe, of the shaded area (the Crewe Green part of the Stephenson Drive residential area) shown in Map 2.10. However, this change to be deferred until the next borough ward review.

As this is the next Borough wide review, we would request further consideration be given to this.

Secondly, the proposal of separating Wychwood Village from Wycwhood Park and moving the Village from the Wybunbury ward into Weston on the following grounds.

The assertion that Wycwhood village has more linkage with Weston than Wychwood Park is incorrect. There is no footpath linking Wycwhood village to Weston Village and to get there you need to cross a major road, the A531. Subsequently people in the village are much more connected

to the Park than to Weston Village. They visit the hotel and golf bars for recreation and to meet people from the Park. The children who go to Weston Primary School all get a bus along with the children from the Park and often play with each other in both the Park and Village sides of the development. Residents from the Park come to the Village Hall for fitness and wellbeing classes and community events. Residents from the Village get a local's discount card for use at the Hotel and Golf Club on the Park. There are also a significant number of people that relocate from the Village to the Park. The two communities are intrinsically linked despite the Park being a gated community. There is little or no connection between Wychwood Village and Weston Village other than use of the Primary School which the children are bussed to limiting their involvement with the local Weston children afterschool. Especially since the Weston Village store has been shut down and residents of the Village got to Betley or Shevington for local supplies.

Wychwood Park and Village was built as a single community development and has now been completed with no more increase in housing to come. While moving the Village out of Wybunbury into Weston does improve the population per ward figures, they still remain above the recommendation. Furthermore Weston is set to have massive population growth in the coming years with the housing developments under construction already and the South Cheshire Growth Village which will considerably increase the population in Weston Ward while Wybunbury has much less growth planned. If anything splitting the Park and the Village potentially opens up future development on or around Wychwood Village which has been vehemently opposed in the past both by the residents and Cheshire East

The guidelines for changing ward boundaries specifically state the communities should not be split by ward boundaries. However this proposal is clearly splitting a community while still exceeding the recommended population ratio for the Weston ward.

Attached Documents:

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