

Cheshire East

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Please find below my personal comments relating to Crewe within the above consultation

1. Over-arching – the boundaries may fulfil an electoral metric, but they do not represent a pragmatic reflection of the conurbation in terms of the conurbation as it has developed.
2. South West Crewe – Shown as Crewe West ward – The boundary, to reflect the conurbation geography and identity, as well as showing some permanence with fixed natural or infrastructure features, should follow Wistaston Brook westwards from the A534 to the A530. The boundary should follow the A530 northwards to the rail line bridge crossing.
3. West side of Crewe – Shown as Crewe St Barnabas – The southern boundary of the ward should (as with 2. above) continue up to the A530 and then continue northwards to the junction with the B5076 (Flowers Lane). This would then include a large scale residential development and the hospital within the boundary, rather than a small rural parish, which is not representative of the nature of the suburban growth of this setting. The boundary should then continue down the B5076 (south eastwards) to meet its currently detailed position (including within it the aspects of Merlin Court).
4. North Crewe – shown as Crewe North Ward – The south western boundary should extend to the junction of the A53 and B5076, then continue north to the junction with Moss Lane. The boundary should continue westward along Moss Lane, then southwards to the junction with Leighton FP7. At this point the boundary should continue eastwards to the junction with the Crewe FP12 (and the West Coast Main Line railway). This then meets with the Crewe East (as was)/Crewe Maw Green (as proposed) boundary. This approach thereby regularises the significant residential developments in the north of the town, identified as Crewe conurbations, drawing on Crewe infrastructure and clearly more suburban than rural.
5. East Crewe – Shown as Crewe East ward – A slight amendment to remove an anomaly is required to include the southern part of Sydney

Road and the Crewe Green Roundabout as this is anomalous to the infrastructure and geography of the location. Additionally, consideration of the Crewe Green development to the north of the roundabout for inclusion within the Crewe East Boundary is required as this large development is a continuation of Crewe, but shown by the proposed (and current) boundaries as within the rural parish of Haslington, which is separated by the “green gap” from the new development. Therefore, the boundary should continue from its position south of the Crewe Green Roundabout to the east side of the roundabout and along the A534 northwards and north of the roundabout to such a point to include the new development and then return westwards to meet Sydney Road, thereby including the continuous development of Crewe urban area.

6. South Crewe – Shown as Crewe South and Crewe East Wards – A very small amendment to show the boundary following Gresty Brook. This provides for a clearer definition based on a fixed geographical feature, with little to no impact on residential property.

In summary, the above represents the conurbation of Crewe as it is today and is to become with known developments as a result of the local planning authority’s adopted and published Local Plan. The associated developments are being built out at this time and so the electoral calculations should take this in to consideration and ensure appropriate representation for urban and suburban localities, rather than a pure mathematical split for the purposes of an electoral metric that mixes rural and urban settings.

I understand that this may require an amendment to the boundary thinking in and around Crewe, such as an additional ward to recognise the “greater” Crewe town boundary, but will have a greater level of social sustainability as this approach will be more representative of the communities in this area.

With thanks



Attached Documents:

None attached