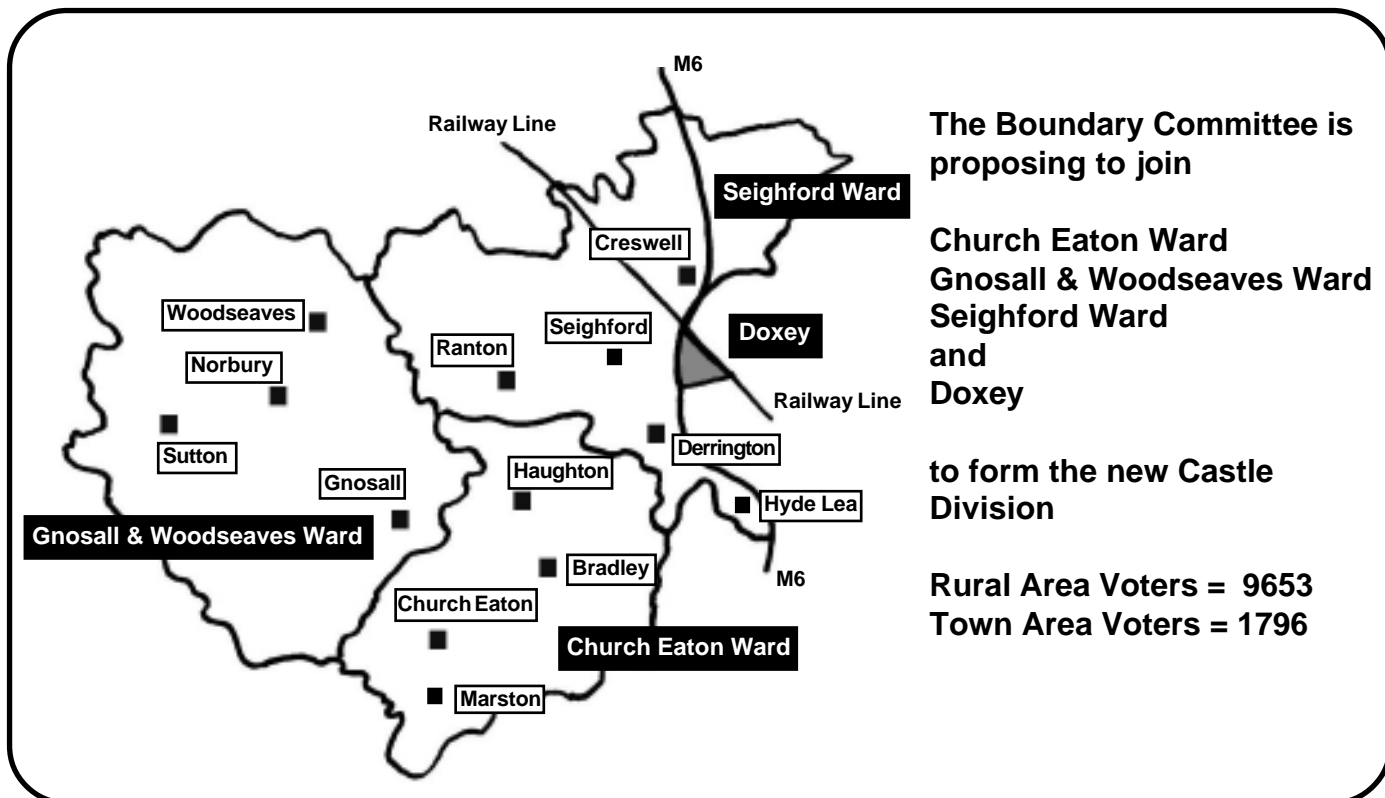


What the Boundary Committee is proposing for this area.



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- I / We* support the Boundary Committee's proposal to form a new County Electoral Division by joining Haughton, Church Eaton, Bradley, with Gnosall and Woodseaves Ward, Seighford Ward and the houses in Doxey. If adopted such a Division would be more acceptable to the original proposal put forward by the County Council, as it has a more a natural community of interest.
- I / We* do not support the proposed new County Electoral Division and would ask the Boundary Committee to think again before making any final recommendation.

Signed

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What the Boundary Committee draft report says

We have carefully considered the representations received. We have noted that the proposals of the County Council would result in divisions based on urban areas combined with rural areas, in order to achieve electoral equality at the expense of community identity

Church Eaton Parish Council expressed concern over of the County Council's proposals for Castle division, of which Church Eaton would be a part, as the division's electorate would primarily live in urban areas, and Church Eaton and Seighford would be separated from the rest of the division by an urban/rural divide. The Parish Council proposed that Church Eaton should be grouped in a division with other nearby rural areas, such as part of Gnosall and the whole of Seighford and Woodseaves.

..... we also note the strong objections to the size and layout of Castle ward, expressed by the Stone Liberal Democrat Party which it argued, would include diverse communities with little in common.

..... a Gnosall division based on Church Eaton, Gnosall & Woodseaves and Seighford, would reflect the concerns expressed by Castle Community Partnership, Church Eaton Parish Council and Haughton Parish Council, and better reflect community identity in the area

Consequently, we propose Castle division based on the local resident's proposal above, (Church Eaton, Gnosall & Woodseaves and Seighford wards) with the addition of part of Tillington ward south of the existing railway track and Doxey Marshes. We consider that Doxey is a well defined area, bordered by the existing and dismantled railway lines, and which has a clear road link with the outlying rural area, and is therefore the most suitable area to be included in a more rural division.

Haughton Parish Council also objected to the County Council's proposed Castle division, due to the mixture of parished, non-parished, urban and rural areas, and two parliamentary constituencies. The Parish Council also opposed the division on the grounds that there is 'no community interest over the proposed division as a whole' and the boundary provided by the M6 should be retained.

Councillor Stamp (Borough Councillor for Church Eaton ward) submitted a scheme for Stafford Borough, on behalf of the Stone Liberal Democrat Party, as an alternative to the County Council proposals which he felt 'does not have the support of a vast number of local residents.' He also included copies of 102 reply slips, 101 of which opposed the County Council's proposals for Church Eaton ward, and supported Stone Liberal Democrats proposal that the ward should be in a division with Gnosall

Councillor Stamp, a local resident, Church Eaton Parish Council, Gnosall Parish Council, Haughton Parish Council, and Castle Community Partnership also expressed strong concerns over the County Council's proposed Castle division. They objected to the urban/rural mix and lack of community identity within the proposed division.

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