

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Publication of final recommendations for the Community Governance Review of Lostock Gralam parish

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

As part of the current Community Governance Review of Lostock Gralam parish, under the terms of reference published on 31 January 2014, the Community Governance Review Committee of Cheshire West and Chester Council has made the following final recommendations to be subject to a further final period of consultation prior to being agreed by Council:

That:

- 1) the existing wards of the parish of Lostock Gralam are abolished;
- 2) the boundary of the existing parish of Lostock Gralam be redrawn along the Railway Line (to its junction with the A556) and the A556 (to the border with Cheshire East borough) to transfer the properties south of the Railway Line and A556 from Lostock Gralam parish to Lach Dennis parish;
- 3) the parish of Lostock Gralam should not be abolished;
- 4) the name of the parish of Lostock Gralam should not be altered;
- 5) the parish should continue to have a parish council;
- 6) no changes be made to the electoral arrangements that apply to the parish council; and
- 7) a Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order be prepared in accordance with the above recommendations and that the Order be effective from 1 April 2015 save for those recommendations relating to parish electoral arrangements which shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2015.

Reasons for the recommendation

To enable completion of the community governance review of Lostock Gralam parish in accordance with the timescales set within statutory guidance and in line with local preference; to determine more appropriate parish boundaries and local governance arrangements which better reflect the identities and interests of local residents. The current parish comprises two parish wards, Lostock Gralam and Lostock Green, which are separated by the Railway Line. Abolition of the existing parish wards will enable the parish boundary to be redrawn.

The current total electorate for the area is 1697 based on the Register of Electors in force from 7 May 2014. This figure is expected to increase significantly to 2159 over the next five years as a result of planned development. However, the proposed boundary change detailed in recommendation (1) would reduce this figure to 1850. Similar sized ungrouped parishes have Parish Councils of ten or eleven seats.



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Next steps

All residents and any other persons or organisations wishing to make representations on the draft recommendations may do so in writing to the Partnerships Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Goldsmith House, Hamilton Place, Chester, CH1 1SE. Alternatively, representations may be submitted by email to partnershipsandareaworking@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk quoting 'Community Governance Review – Lostock Gralam' in the Subject field.

The deadline for receipt of comments is midnight on 28 September 2014.

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