

# Gloucestershire

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Stroud, Trinity ward

Stroud Town Council objects to the transfer of Trinity ward out of the Stroud division into Bisley and Painswick. It is our view that the two areas are geographically and socially very different. The current arrangements, where the parish, district ward and county division boundaries are contiguous, works well and does not need to be changed.

We are concerned that the proposals have not been well publicised locally.

We feel that this proposal pays no regard to local views or character. We understand that the review has been prompted by population growth elsewhere in Stroud District, but reject the notion that changes in Stroud are required to offset changes elsewhere.

The proposed change removes key sites and essential services from the Stroud division, including the hospitals and medical facilities, the cemetery, Stroud Valleys Primary School, Trinity Church and Trinity hub.

There is a concern that the proposal could be considered gerrymandering because people in Trinity will not bother to vote in a division that does not represent them.

The new division also contains so many parishes that the councillor would not realistically be able to engage effectively with all of the parish councils and district councillors in their area.

The Town Council strongly objects to the boundary change and will encourage residents and local organisation to do so too.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*