

From 

For the attention of the Boundary Review Committee

Kynnersley, Preston Upon the Weald Moors & Eyton on the Weald Moors

The proposal to abolish the Parish Meetings of Eyton on the Weald Moors and Preston on the Weald Moors to create a new Weald Moors Parish, with Kynnersley Parish Council could have been considered more favourably had it been thoroughly investigated and within a very brief submission contained in the Community Governance Review information pack (updated May 2025), the approval of the revised TW Local Plan would mean a further more succinct CGR to include Eyton on the Weald Moors to incorporate the considerable development expected in this area of the Borough.

As it stands, however, the community of Eyton has no direct road or walking links to either Preston on the Weald Moors or Kynnersley, they share no similarities or interests nor is there any community cohesion.

Eyton on the Weald Moors has a very small, but dedicated electorate and a Parish Meeting which has operated extremely successfully and democratically and they have a strong desire to continue their current administration arrangements – not only because they work, but because there is no suitable alternative at this moment in time.

I, therefore, strongly support their request for the community of Eyton on the Weald Moors to be excluded from any recommendations in this current review.

Having listened to residents of both Kynnersley and Preston Upon the Weald Moors, they do accept there are similarities in their character and landscape. They already work collaboratively on local issues, especially regarding planning, highways, safety and both communities use Preston School and Kynnersley Village Hall.

It was a positive outcome to have a Preston resident join Kynnersley Parish Council – this brought about an opportunity for each community to share interests and understand needs and a relationship has already started to be formed. They engage in activities and events – I am told that this has happened for a good number of years.

Both communities are now accustomed to working in partnership and if the Committee is minded to agree a merge, it should be between Kynnersley and Preston, only. The only condition I would add to this, on behalf of the communities is that the six or eight councillors should be elected from two equal wards, with the same number for Kynnersley as Preston. Any other option would be met with disagreement and would not be in the best interests of a good working relationship moving forward. For similar reasons, it would be important to retain the historical names of Kynnersley & Preston on the Weald Moors Parish Council.

Kind regards

