

## **Community Governance Review**

### **Response from [REDACTED] of Preston upon the Weald Moors Parish Meeting.**

The subject of the Community Governance Review has generated more conversations amongst village residents over the last three months than almost any other subject!

We are mindful of the desire by the Council to reduce the number of Parish's within the Borough and appreciate the intention, following the feedback from the first consultation, to maintain the rural integrity of our Parish.

Preston held a Parish Meeting recently and the proposal following the first consultation to merge Preston with Kynnersley and Eyton was discussed in detail. Our residents feel very strongly that we have little contact with the village of Eyton and although the boundary of their parish is adjacent to the parishes of Kynnersley and Preston, access to their village is via a four or five mile route from Preston.

In conclusion, the village of Preston would consider that a merger with Kynnersley to be acceptable but a merger of Preston, Kynnersley and Eyton would not be appropriate or acceptable.

We are aware that the Parish of Kynnersley would consider a merger with Preston acceptable but they are also against a three way merger with Eyton. We also believe the Parish of Eyton do not wish to merge with either Preston or Kynnersley.

The proposal to call the new Parish the Weald Moors Parish would seem to be a fitting name for a merger of Preston and Kynnersley Parish's. In regard to the number of Councillors per Ward, we believe it would be fair to have an equal number for both Preston and Kynnersley. This would avoid any feeling of disadvantage as a result of the amalgamation and promote equality and a sense of shared vision for the new Parish.

We have encouraged the residents of Preston to respond to the review as requested and although we have had numerous verbal approvals for the partnering of our two villages, it would be a pity if this second round of responses did not adequately show that this is the view of the majority as was expressed at our meetings.

We trust that our views will be taken into consideration and look forward to seeing the results of the first consultation.

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