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A new custom form submission has been received. The details of the form submission are as follows:

## Submission Information

**Custom Form:** Online submissions form (#183)  
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## Form Answers

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**Area your submission refers to:** Derbyshire  
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**Your feedback:** I am the Chairman of Bolsover Conservatives and am a past parliamentary candidate for the Bolsover constituency (2010). I write on behalf of Bolsover Conservative party.

We would broadly endorse the recommendations of the LGBCE in respect of 4 of the 6 Bolsover divisions; namely Bolsover North, Bolsover South, Shirebrook & Pleasley and Barlborough & Clowne.

The proposed configurations of these districts are reasonable in terms of geographical links, electoral equality and public recognition.

We would encourage, however, the LGBCE to review its proposed divisional configuration for 2 remaining divisions in the south of the constituency.

In an ideal world, divisions would be possible that minimised the arbitrary nature of any split of the largest town in this area, South Normanton. With this being impractical, the division of the two southern wards does, to our minds, need to divide South Normanton town in the most intuitive way to local residents, without adding additional levels of complexity to the electoral arrangements of the town. We are unsure as to whether the LGBCE's current proposal achieves this aim.

Firstly, the proposed division of South Normanton East district ward as part of the County proposals does add another arbitrary split to the town which is likely to engender additional confusion. Whilst the existing split between South Normanton East and South Normanton West district wards is understood and established, the introduction of another configuration for County purposes would not seem sensible unless absolutely imperative. Further, the additional requirement to re-ward South Normanton at parish level as a result of these proposals is a change which we do not believe there is appetite for in the local community.

Instead, we do see merit in the original proposal by the County Council to amend the configuration of the two southern divisions in Bolsover constituency; namely to create a South Normanton West and Tibshelf division (provisionally named Hardwick) and a South Normanton East, most of Blackwell and Pinxton ward (provisionally named South Normanton & Pinxton). This new configuration has the benefit of:

- Avoiding the introduction of a further change to the electoral configuration and boundaries of South Normanton town;
- Avoiding the necessity of changes to the electoral arrangements of South Normanton Parish Council;
- Avoids a number of "orphaned" roads in South Normanton which, whilst in one division can only be accessed by crossing into the other, and;
- Brings together areas of Tibshelf and South Normanton, along with South Normanton and Pinxton, which share similar characteristics and demographics (a greater commuting demographic in the former and an industrial and transportation focus in the latter).

The commission highlights some concern regarding the lack of suitable transport links within the divisions. The M1 motorway, however, is key to understanding the overall transportation dynamic within this area. Under the County Council's proposals, the larger of the two divisions (Hardwick) could be easily travelled within 10 minutes by using the junctions at Glapwell (at the far

north of the division) and South Normanton (at the south). The other division has strong transport links given the direct link between Pinxton and South Normanton (via the Alfreton Road) and then South Normanton, Hilcote, Blackwell and Newton (via the B6406 and B6026).

We hope these comments are useful for the Commission.

Lee Rowley  
on behalf of Bolsover Conservatives

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