

North Somerset

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Thank you for the extension. Please find below Backwell Parish Council's response as agreed at their meeting last night:

Review of local election boundaries in North Somerset

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Local Electoral Review.

Backwell Parish Council (BPC) has a few observations and comments.

1. Firstly, we are largely content with our current boundaries, with the exception of Brockley. Brockley is physically our closest community: their children attend Backwell schools; Brockley residents use Backwell's Leisure Centre, shops, dentist, and doctors; and both communities share the same roads and infrastructure. Brockley Church, St Bridget's, is part of the same Benefice as St Andrew's, Backwell. Historically, Brockley was part of Backwell's electoral ward. It is now tied to Wrington, which is much further away and whose facilities are less accessible to Brockley residents.
2. The review of Parish Councillor composition has acknowledged that Backwell's distinct characteristics mean it must remain a separate community from Nailsea. It therefore makes sense to ensure this is properly reflected in the ward demarcation review.
3. Backwell also values its ties to the Downside community for the same reasons outlined above in relation to Brockley.
4. Backwell is already a large ward and is currently represented by only one District Councillor. The village has grown significantly since the last electoral review and continues to grow. Planning consent has been granted for approximately 800 new homes. The first 100 homes are due to be completed this year, with a further 100 expected to be delivered by mid-2027. In light of this growth, we believe it is now appropriate to reinstate a second ward councillor for Backwell.

Thank you for taking our views into consideration. We look forward to the opportunity to comment further during the next stage of this

consultation.
Many thanks for your attention.

Attached Documents:

None attached