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Related subject: Long Ashton Ward, Wraxall and Failand Parish

I disagree with the proposal to move the Elms Estate from the Long Ashton Ward to the Nailsea Youngwood Ward.
Electoral equality is not improved. Appendix A of the report, row 16 and 12 shows clearly that the Elms residents would receive more effective representation per councillor by remaining in the Long Ashton Ward, and hence maintain electoral equality.
Community identity would be adversely affected. Elms residents have already confirmed their identity is more closely aligned with Wraxall and Failand Parish and not Nailsea in the recent parish poll. They wish to reman as a rural community and not be pushed into a more urban ward against their wishes. The Community Governance Review which clearly stated that the Elms was to remain in the Wraxall and Failand Parish.
There is a risk of confusing policies and conflict in the future. Community Activities and Connections with All Saints Church, social clubs are activities are based in Wraxall. Residents want to be in a rural environment and to maintain the Green Belt to the north and east of the Elms.
Arrangements do not support effective and convenient local government. Wraxall & Failand Parish would be forces from a unitary Ward into a duel Ward boundary. This will add unnecessary confusion between councillor responsibilities, would dilute governance with the Elms only having a single councillor rather than representation of two Long Ashton Ward councillor. It will also add complexity and the need for additional coordination across 3 district councillors.
The proposal to move the Elms residents, against their will from the Long Ashton Ward into the Nailsea Youngwood Ward provides no benefit, and only adds complexity and confusion and destroys community identity.

Attached Documents:

None attached