North Somerset

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Comment text:

I object to the proposed Ward boundary change relating to the Elms and support that it should remain as it is within Wraxall and Failand within the Long Ashton Ward.

I do not support that it will improve electoral equality by equalising the number of electors that each councillor represents. The figures clearly show that residents of the Elms would receive more effective representation by remaining in Long Ashton Ward

I do not support that the recommendations reflect community identity.
Evidence of the recent Parish Consultation showed that of 309 votes received, 90% of the Elms identify as an important part of the rural Wraxall and Failand community, and wish to remain as such.

16 years ago we moved out of Bristol, seeking the rural environment we found on The Elms and resent the constant attempts to move us from rural Wraxall and Failand, into urban Nailsea. I am particularly keen that the Green Belt to the north and East of the Elms is maintained. We are proud to live in the stunningly beautiful North Somerset countryside. Moving the boundaries to incorporate the Elms to sit within urban Nailsea rather than rural Wraxall and Failand opens the door for potential urban boundary creep. By allowing this small change, a chain of events will inevitably follow, resulting in our beautiful countryside that has existed forever being gone forever, and you will have signed it off.

Providing arrangements that support effective and convenient local government
I do not support this statement. making this change would add confusion on Parish and District governance. We would go from 2 Long Ashton

Ward councillors to 1 Nailsea ward councillor.

All in all, we are perfectly happy to remain as we are, with a system that has been working well for many years. We are not seeking and do not welcome this change. There is no benefit in this to us whatsoever, only negatives. To be putting so much constant and ongoing effort into making this change happen when there are so many other urgent issues, North Somerset Council and Nailsea Town council clearly have an agenda for their own benefit, rather than any benefit to the residents of the Elms.

Attached Documents:

None attached