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Comment text:

I’m writing as a resident to object to the proposal to move The Elms from the Long Ashton ward into a Nailsea ward. While I understand the need to review ward boundaries and ensure fair representation, I don’t feel this change reflects how The Elms actually functions as a community or where its natural ties are.

I live on The Elms and feel closely connected with Long Ashton and Wraxall & Failand in terms of local identity and day-to-day life. I regularly walk over the fields and use local facilities in Wraxall. I feel well represented through local governance and don't feel that this needs to change.

I’m also concerned that the draft recommendations don’t seem to fully reflect the recent Wraxall & Failand Parish Council consultation or the Community Governance Review. These were important opportunities for local people to give their views, and I don’t feel those views have been taken into account at all!

While I understand that housing growth and electoral balance are part of the review, I’m not convinced that moving The Elms into a Nailsea ward is necessary to achieve that. It feels like there could be other solutions that keep existing community links intact while still meeting the requirements for electoral equality.

I’m also worried about what this change could lead to in the future. Moving The Elms into a Nailsea ward could make it easier for future proposals to shift parish or town boundaries, which would not reflect how residents currently identify or how the area is already governed.

For these reasons, I would strongly encourage the Commission to reconsider this proposal and keep The Elms within the Long Ashton ward, where it already has clear and established community ties.

Attached Documents:

None attached