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Related subject: The Elms - Wraxall and Failand

Firstly please note that the map showing the proposed boundary changes for this area is titled incorrectly as ‘Portishead’.
The report states that The Elms was visited by those conducting the review. It is a pity that they did not deem it appropriate to garner the views of the majority of residents here who have REPEATEDLY and OVERWHELMINGLY expressed their desire to remain in the Wraxall and Failand Parish. We do not wish to be a part of Nailsea, nor represented at either District or County level by someone who may have a conflict of interest when voting on local issues . It seems like there is an underlying issue here - Nailsea Town Council want to take The Elms into their control . Could there be financial reasons for this ? Would this boundary change proposal be the first step in them achieving this? Why do they keep trying by any means to achieve this?
What would be the benefit to the residents of The Elms of the boundary change ? I cannot think of any .
The report says that The Elms is an urban area . It is not, and it does not feel like that to those who live here . We feel closely allied to the rural community of the Wraxall/Failand/Long Ashton area. We have been well served by the parish/district councillors who understand the strength of feeling in The Elms and represent the priorities which we have. From what I read/hear I don’t believe we would be so well served by a councillor who may have a different agenda. There could be a conflict of interest. It would also be confusing for residents . Who would we approach for various issues? The Parish councillor (Wraxall and Failand) or the District councillor (Nailsea)? Who knows?
We are not part of a town. There is clearly a strong feeling of a local community identity here. Evidence of this was shown in the recent vote on the Parish boundary where there was an exceptionally high turnout and vote in favour (90%) of remaining in Wraxall and Failand. This clearly shows that we have a very strong sense of community identity . We did not want to be enveloped by Nailsea Town.
Many residents are active members of community organisations in Wraxall and Failand such as the church and cricket club.

We certainly don’t feel part of any community in Nailsea. Neither do we want to be.
The boundary naturally falls along Lodge Lane
and as far as I am aware it has always done so. This is a clear and recognisable ward boundary as is required.
The transfer of the number of voters in The Elms to a ward in Nailsea will have an increasing detrimental impact on the equalising of the wards over the next few years. We will be better represented per capita if we stay in the current ward.
I believe you will find the same overwhelming opposition to these boundary changes as occurred when the Parish boundaries were reviewed.

Attached Documents:

None attached