I am writing to object to the proposed change to the boundary of Nailsea Golden Valley ward, specifically the proposal to move The Elms estate from Long Ashton ward into Nailsea Golden Valley ward.

As I understand it, the Local Government Boundary Commission England (LGBCE) changes are aimed at:

Ensuring the recommendations reflect community identity: Wraxall & Failand parish council recently consulted with residents of The Elms and 90% (303 votes) identify as part of the Wraxall & Failand community. This proposed boundary change certainly does NOT reflect the community identity.

The recent Community Governance Review final recommendation was for The Elms to remain in Wraxall & Failand parish, which was the reflected in North Somerset's 2026 Reorganisation of Community Government Order. Nothing has changed, so LGBCE's proposal to overturn this without any new factors is illogical and flawed.

Improving electoral equality by equalising the number of electors that each councillor represents: By moving the Elms, the Long Ashton 'Electors per Councillor' goes from -6% to -8% of the average. Hardly an improvement or equalisation!

Providing arrangements that support effective and convenient local government: If the boundary change went ahead, The Elms representation would be reduced from two Long Ashton Councillors to one Nailsea Councillor. This is hardly an improvement. As I understand it the proposed change would mean local Parish Governance would require co-ordination across three district Councillors. If true, how is this more effective or convenient?

In summary, nothing has changed since the Community Governance Review, and so there are no grounds to make such an arbitrary change.



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