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Related subject: Express support for the Elms to remain within the Long Ashton Ward.

The draft recommendation goes directly against the principle of equality and harms our electoral equality by widening the number of electors that each councillor has against the average.
If residents of the Elms were to remain in Long Ashton Ward, they would receive more effective representation per councillor and maintain electoral equality.
2. The Draft Recommendation adjustments adversely affect local community identity.
The residents of the Elms have already confirmed their identity is more aligned with Wraxall and Failand Parish and NOT Nailsea.
I moved away from an urban area to be in the rural environment of Wraxall and Failand and I am very keen to maintain the Green Belt to the North and East of the Elms.
3. The Draft Recommendations proposed by LGBCE would force the Wraxall and Failand Parish from a unitary Ward into a dual Ward boundary.
Local parish governance would become more complex, requiring coordination across three district councillors, compared with the current unitary arrangement. This would be neither effective nor convenient.
The existing governance structure is well established and effective; thus, in the absence of any significant change in circumstances, that continuity should carry substantial weight.

Attached Documents:

None attached