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Related subject: The Elms - Ward Bounderies

I strongly disagree with the draft recommendation that The Elms estate should be part of the Golden Valley Ward

The current arrangements ie being part of Long Ashton Ward/Wraxall Parish has served this locale well ever since the first house was built

We feel part of a vibrant responsive community that gives effective representation and convenient local government

It should be remembered that a sense of community is not just about the convenient division of the area by roads and proximity to a built up area. A sense of community can be formed by the geographical locale, the ability to access open space, the support of local initiatives to encourage nature, rewilding, wetland restoration, and community conservation.

In Wraxall there is the following initiatives:

Watercress Farm (Belmont Estate): A primary rewilding and river restoration project. This initiative has diverted the Land Yeo river to re-wet pastures, transforming a previously degraded landscape into a thriving floodplain. They run regular nature connection walks, volunteer conservation days, and ecological workshops.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS): Wraxall falls under the West of England and North Somerset collaborative initiative. This strategy

provides a toolkit for residents, farmers, and groups to take action in restoring and protecting local habitats.

Wraxall C of E Primary School: The local school is deeply involved in the environment, utilizing initiatives like "30 Days Wild," sensory walks, and hands-on habitat building (such as bug homes) to foster a connection with nature among students.

North Somerset Rewilding: Wraxall benefits from the broader North Somerset Rewilding Project, which has converted over 400,000 square meters of public space into tall grass and meadows to boost local biodiversity and support pollinators

If these ward changes happened I and many on The Elms estate would experience a sense of isolation and deprivation from what is "our natural community"

My connection and empathy to Nailsea town is small. I shop and socialize in many locations across the district not just Nailsea - Clevedon, Bristol, Cribbs Causeway etc

Its not broke so why change it?

Attached Documents:

None attached