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Related subject: Nailsea and the Elms development

I believe that The Elms development should remain within the ward of Long Ashton for the following reasons;
- the draft recommendation goes against the principle of equality and harms the electoral power by widening the number of electors that each councillor has against the average
- The draft recommendation would adversely affect local community identity. The elms residents recently provided feedback on a recent Parish consultation where 90% of residents responded by saying they felt more aligned as residents of Wraxall and Failand than with Nailsea. This would force residents into an urban ward as against their current countryside identity.
- The draft recommendation would force Wraxall and Failand parish into a dual boundary ward from a Unitary ward. A recent draft recommendation on ward boundaries including one to redraw the Elms into the Nailsea boundary was overturned, with an overwhelming amount of residents choosing to support remaining in the Wraxall and Failand boundary. The views of a "a few" councillors and residents within Nailsea ward should not determine the livelihoods and voting choices of the residents of Long Ashton ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached