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Related subject: Weston-super-Mare Mid Worle ward

Dear Consultation Team,
I am writing to formally object to the proposal to move the area including Mountbatten Close into the proposed Weston-super-Mare Mid Worle ward.
My objection is based on the following concerns regarding community identity, the impact of future housing development, and the long-term effectiveness of the proposed boundaries:
• Community Identity and Cohesion: The current ward structure aligns with our local community's identity. Residents in this area maintain strong, established links to Kewstoke village. Moving this area into a Worle-focused ward ignores these existing social and community ties and risks diluting the representation we currently receive as part of the Kewstoke community.
• Future Housing Growth: There are significant plans for new housing development between our current location and the core of Kewstoke village (planning reference 23/P/1439/OUT). It is logical to assume these new residents will be integrated into the Kewstoke community. By moving our area into a Worle-based ward now, the Commission is effectively splitting a growing community in two before this development is even completed. I urge the Commission to consider the long-term demographic trajectory of this specific corridor, as it suggests that maintaining the link with Kewstoke is a more sustainable and forward-looking decision than shifting us toward Worle.
• Natural Growth vs. Forced Boundary Shifts: The logic that we should join a larger ward like Worle to accommodate growth is flawed. Kewstoke is well-positioned to grow naturally as these new houses are built. It makes little sense to artificially detach us from our established community when Kewstoke itself has the capacity to grow and absorb these developments within its existing identity. Fragmenting this area now only creates confusion and complicates the representation of what will be an increasingly unified local population.

My wife and I urge the Commission to reconsider these proposals and maintain the existing warding patterns for our area. I believe that preserving the current boundaries is in the best interest of the local residents and the ongoing stability of our community.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to contribute to this consultation.

Attached Documents:

None attached