North Somerset

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Comment text:

I am a resident of The Elms, an estate in Wraxall, north Somerset. I am writing to express my deep concern and frustration at the continued attempts by Nailsea Town Council to bring The Elms under its control, and the latest proposal by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) to move The Elms from the Long Ashton ward into a Nailsea ward.
This proposal is particularly disappointing because it comes so soon after the North Somerset Community Governance Review, in which residents of The Elms and the wider Wraxall and Failand community overwhelmingly voted to remain part of Wraxall and Failand. Indeed, I understand that North Somerset had never received as many responses as they did during that consultation (specifically pertaining to The Elms) which provided a clear and democratic expression of local opinion. It is difficult to understand why, having so recently made our wishes known, we are once again facing proposals that threaten to undermine the identity and governance of our community.
The justification that The Elms has stronger links with Nailsea simply does not reflect the views of many residents. Our community has established ties with Wraxall and Failand and values the representation and local governance that comes with remaining part of that parish and the Long Ashton ward. Changing the ward boundary risks creating the perception that The Elms is naturally part of Nailsea and could pave the way for future attempts to alter parish boundaries, despite the clear wishes expressed through the Community Governance Review.
This is not just a technical boundary adjustment. It has real implications for community identity, local accountability and the ability of residents to influence decisions that affect where they live. Electoral arrangements should reflect communities, not seek to redefine them.
I would ask that you raise these concerns with the relevant authorities and support efforts to ensure that the outcome of the Community Governance Review is respected. The democratic voice of local residents should not be disregarded simply because a different administrative arrangement may appear more convenient on paper.
The people of The Elms have already made their position clear. We wish to remain part of Wraxall and Failand and continue to be represented

within the Long Ashton ward. I urge you to support our community in protecting that identity and ensuring that local governance reflects the wishes of those who live here.
Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns, and I look forward to hearing your views on this matter.
Yours sincerely,
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Attached Documents:

None attached