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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the LGBCE review of North Somerset Council ward boundaries.
It is puzzling to receive this Consultation hard on the heels of another recent Consultation where around 90% of Elms residents responded that they wanted to remain part of the Wraxall & Failand community.
In regard of this Ward Boundary Consultation, I have to say that I cannot agree to the proposal to remove Elms from Wraxall & Failand/Long Ashton Ward. To date I am fully satisfied with the support from Wraxall and Failand. There is no need for a change for the sake of it. There is insufficient evidence that the proposed change would be in the best interests of the Elms (and Nailsea Ward?). The LGBCE draft recommendations do not make it 100% clear on the Nailsea Ward that Elms would move into. Youngwood has been vaguely mentioned in passing but this cannot be workable as this electoral boundary does not touch the Elms boundary and, in the midst of a number of other challenges, a Councillor would have considerable difficulty providing Elms with an adequate service.
Moreover, the Elms is a rural community and moving into a Nailsea Ward would considerably weaken the rural culture established over many years, since around 2000. A Nailsea urban Ward would progressively erode this precious rural culture.
I remain convinced that Long Ashton Ward is best able to continue providing electoral equality together with effective and convenient local government for Elms' residents. I would not advocate any change to Elms electoral boundary as it would progressively undermine its community identity.
In summary I am not persuaded the LGBCE draft recommendations are in any way sufficient to maintain the service already provided by Wraxall and Failand within Long Ashton Ward.
This Boundary Consultation does not have my support.

Attached Documents:

None attached