



# THE CHARTER TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF BATH

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## Electoral review of Bath & North East Somerset Council Ward Boundaries.

The Charter Trustees of the City of Bath are those councillors of Bath and North East Somerset Council who represent wards within the City. Charter Trustees have an apolitical role in the governance of the City and so their view should not be assumed from correspondence from local political parties.

The Charter Trustees have considered the draft recommendations report and noted in particular in your criteria for change the key objectives of Reflecting community identity, and to Provide for effective and convenient local government.

Having examined the report, and following their meeting on 23rd January 2018, the Charter Trustees are now in a position to formally comment on the proposed electoral arrangements for the City.

The Trustees have concerns that the distinct and separate identity of City of Bath is not being reflected in the composition of new ward boundaries.

The City of Bath is unparished and should not form part of wards which are primarily parished, and, or which extend beyond the existing City boundary as this has the potential to confuse the public over governance.

In summary, Bath and North East Somerset Council ward boundaries should not straddle the existing historic City boundary.

Please would you also note that the Charter Trustees have received no formal correspondence from you or Bath & North East Somerset Council at any point during this process, I hope this oversight will be corrected in future.

Yours sincerely

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Councillor Mark Shelford  
Chairman Standing Committee Charter Trustees