

Owen, David

From: Lin Patterson
Sent: 10 February 2018 22:41
To: reviews
Subject: Objection to Lambridge Ward changes, Bath

Dear LGBCE,

I strongly oppose the proposed boundary of Lambridge Ward in NE Bath.

1. It splits a cohesive community

It amputates vital parts of our community, including our landmark C of E church, Bailbrook Lane, whose residents look to Larkhall as their shopping district, as does Fairfield Park, to the north west.

The rich mix of amenities around Larkhall Square are not for the tiny area you have drawn. They serve the whole of Lambridge Ward. People are saying it is glaringly obvious the proposed boundary came from those who do not know the area. Please hear us.

2. It is not efficient or convenient

There is no clarity about for whom the values of efficiency or convenience are to apply. They certainly do not apply to the proposed boundary. As one of the two sitting Councillors for the Ward, I assure you the work load is adequately spread between the two of us. Digital communications have not reduced our workload. The overwhelming response of Ward residents is their wish to continue with two representatives.

This makes for an **efficient**—meaning an accurate and effective—reflection of a ward that responds to change, proven by electing me in 2015 as the first Green in Bath, while also electing a LibDem after many years under Conservatives. Can you now see why two councillors are needed to efficiently serve democracy here?

The **Convenience** of selecting two candidates for the intact, existing community prevents polarisation and disaffection with council governance, which would result from the truncation you offered.

3. Historical roots

The name Lambridge comes from the ancient Lam stream which flows in our area over which an historical bridge lay. A lively campaign is progressing to create this bridge anew. We would like to keep the name, keep the area, (if slightly expanded for numbers), and keep our two councillors. Please hear us.

4. Possible options

I understand the Commission's desire to equalise the numbers of constituents across wards. This could be achieved by adding more of residential Fairfield Park, to the north west of the ward, to Lambridge. They identify and resemble more with Larkhall than the more urban Walcot.

Please do whatever you can to rectify this mistake.

Best wishes,
Councillor Lin Patterson
(Green, Lambridge)
Bath and North East Somerset