

Sirs,

Bath and North East Somerset

I write as one of the Councillors for the Oldfield Ward. I have held this office for the past 11 years, and have lived in the community for 20 years.

Existing Oldfield Ward

I apologise for not responding to your initial survey. Had I done so, I would have expressed a preference for Oldfield Ward remaining a two member ward; retaining existing boundaries to the north, east and south but expanding to the west to incorporating WM2 and the part of WM1 lying to the south of the GWR mainline. In my view this would capture a very coherent community with similar issues.

Proposed Moorlands Ward

This proposal is a reasonably coherent single member ward.

If possible, my recommendations are that:

- The part of Englishcombe Lane (and Englishcombe Way) I have marked as “A” would be better suited too being in the proposed Moorlands Ward.
- The land I have marked as “B” should be moved in to the existing Oldfield / proposed Moorlands Ward. It is about to go for planning permission for 40 homes and will be accessed from Englishcombe Lane only.
- The land I have marked “C” is being touted by its owners to be in the new core strategy for housing. If this is successful it too would look to Englishcombe Lane for access and would be better in the proposed Moorlands Ward.



