

Owen, David

From:
Sent: 16 February 2018 14:59
To: Owen, David
Subject: Boundary Changes to Combe Down, Bath, Somerset.

Dear Mr Owen,

I would be very grateful if you would re-consider changing the boundary in Combe Down, your plan is to cut our old village in half to run down the Long Drung, a historic footpath which runs from North Road to Church Road, add the new houses at Mulberry Park and take the boundary the other way, past existing Entry Hill boundary, to encompass Hansford Square, Midford Road and into Odd Down beyond. This makes no sense as Hansford Square, Midford Road and Odd Down have no interest in Combe Down Village. We live in [REDACTED] (one of the oldest roads in the village) and one where Harry Patch (most famous former resident of Combe Down and England's oldest Tommy) would no longer have been a resident of Combe Down, were he still alive today, if your current plan comes into effect, it will become under Claverton Down Ward, we would have to get in a car to vote at Claverton Down hall (we currently walk around the corner) and our councillor would know nothing about our village or feelings in it, they would therefore not be able to reflect our community identity and would not provide effective and convenient local expression, they may well be able to understand Claverton, but not Combe Down. The Claverton councillor would therefore not have our best interests at heart or be able to understand our concerns.

My idea would be to keep existing boundary at Entry Hill, encompass the new 700 houses at Mulberry Park (if you have to!) and go along Bradford Road and North Road, until Shaft Road, where Claverton Down Road begins (surely Claverton Down Road should belong in Claverton?) this I feel is far more sensible. We all, as a community put up with the mines being filled for 4/5 years, with all the disruptions of that and have thrived as a close, caring, village before and after, this would not be appreciated by all the locals in the area, some who have had generations living here and appreciate being "a true Combe Downer".

Yours sincerely

Nicola Lodge

For and on behalf of Aquarius Homes



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