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From: Charles Draper <
Sent: 16 February 2018 21:37
To: reviews
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Subject: Review of BathNES Ward Boundaries

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to comment on the your recommendations for changes to Ward Boundaries in BathNES.

I am writing as the Chairman of the Bathwick Estate Residents Association. Our area is the Bathwick Estate (described by you as the Forester Avenue Area), being the area bounded by the River Avon, the Kennet and Avon Canal, and Bathwick Street/Beckford Road, as shown on our website here:

<https://www.bathwickestateresidentsassociation.org/>

Your proposals envisage taking our area out of the existing Walcot Ward across the Avon and putting it into a revised Bathwick Ward, on the grounds that the river is a significant boundary between the various local communities. **We strongly agree.** This would reverse a very unsuitable and unpopular change made at the last such review. The river indeed is a major community boundary with just two crossings at the edges of our patch. The change would bring us into the same Ward as Bathwick St Mary School, attended by a large number of Primary School children on the Estate, and Sydney Gardens, an important adjacent historical pleasure garden. The name is also a clue.

I am aware that other aspects of your proposals have attracted local criticism, and presumably this may lead to further adjustments. While we are more than happy with your detailed proposals as they stand as far as they affect our area, we would be relatively relaxed about further adjustments to the new Bathwick Ward provided that we continued to be part of a contiguous Ward on our side of the River Avon, and preferably with Bathwick in its name.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman
Bathwick Estate Residents' Association.