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To: reviews
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Subject: Bath and North East Somerset Boundary Review

Proposals regarding Lansdown Ward

Dear Sir

I am writing on behalf of The Cavendish Road Society members (in my capacity as Chairman of our residents association) to express our concern and disappointment with the proposed ward boundary changes to our part of Lansdown.

We understand that the goals of this study are to:

- Encourage the council to carry out responsibilities efficiently
- Equalize the number of voters in wards
- Reflect community identity providing effective and convenient local government

We agree that convenient and effective local government is important.

However, our association very firmly considers that the proposals regarding Lansdown are retrograde and will dismantle the established community we have here. In Weston, for example, the new boundaries largely maintain the integrity of Weston. It is anchored in its locality.

Conversely the proposed Kingsmead ward (which does not even include Kingsmead Square) it is suggested we are to be moved into does not. Lansdown is principally a residential area. Kingsmead is substantially a retail area. In effect, in order to maintain it as a two member ward, you have taken a swathe of what is in reality the heritage area of lower Lansdown and attached it to a central city area with which it has nothing in common.

In our submission Lansdown should logically encompass St James's Square, Park Street and Cavendish Road and remain a two member ward. You will find that our neighbours in the St. James' Square and Lansdown Crescent residents associations would also not like to see the destruction of the historic ties binding the areas.

Although we agree that the old ward boundaries could be improved it is our view that it is essential for the residents of Cavendish Road, Park Street and St. James to continue to form part of the Lansdown ward of which we historically have been part.

We also wish to record our objection to one member wards. This allows for the dominance of one individual party when we have many views and capable people who live here and seek to work with Bathnes. Lansdown councillors have historically been central to the running of our city and this role should continue with two councillors.

Regards

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