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The proposed boundaries proposed for Newbridge Ward include the rural parishes of North Stoke and Kelston. These parish areas have very little in common with Newbridge which is a totally suburban built up area whereas the two adjoining villages have completely different characteristics in terms of issues regarding Local Government matters. As chairman of North Stoke Parish Meeting I would point out that the following issues are of utmost concern for both North Stoke and Kelston; Inconsistency of Interpretation on Planning Issues both on applications and enforcement . Rural crime and killing of livestock by dogs. Lack of drainage maintenance on minor roads. Hedge encroachment and obstruction of Highway sight lines in contravention of various Highways Acts. Lack of or nominal broadband service. These boundary proposals would appear to take no account of the similarity or natural make up of the adjoining parishes and the two rural parishes appear to be just added on to Newbridge to 'make up the numbers' for Wards with no regard to their needs or characteristics. Rural Wards to the south of the River Avon would appear to have similarly been 'added on' to the nearest conurbation -- surely a Rural Ward encompassing all adjoining small rural parishes would make more sense ?

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