

Bath and North East Somerset

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Comment text:

I would like to object to the proposed new boundaries for Combe Down and Claverton Down wards on behalf of 114 of my constituents. I have received complaints regarding these proposals from these constituents who would be moved from the Combe Down ward into the Claverton Down ward should the changes go ahead. Combe Down itself is an historic village and as such those who live there do not wish to see it split between two different wards, instead believing that the integrity of Combe Down village should be maintained within Combe Down ward. The area that is being proposed to be moved into Claverton Down ward is one of the oldest parts of the village which shares history and close community ties with the rest of Combe Down. Although Combe Down village is now an area of Bath it still retains a strong independent character with many of those living there feeling a close personal tie to the village. There is also a thriving primary school as part of this community, with many of the children who attend living nearby and walking to the school. The proposed changes would result in a number of these children no longer living within the same ward as their school. My constituents are mindful that you need to place the boundary somewhere and that this must consider the numbers of residents within each ward for fairness and balance purposes. For this reason, they would suggest moving the Combe Down ward boundary to run along Shaft Road which is only a short distance away from the current suggestion but would enable the entirety of Combe Down village to remain in Combe Down ward. Should this put the ward over the 10% I would hope some scope could be found to adjust one of the other boundary lines.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded