

Bathampton Parish Council

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Clerk: Dr.D.P.Smith



19th., January, 2018

Review Officer(Bath & N.E.Somerset),
Local Government Boundary Commission for England,
14th.,Floor Millbank Tower,
Millbank,
London,
SW1P 4QP

Dear Sirs,

Proposed New Ward- Bathavon East Ward

Bathampton Parish Council has viewed the proposals for the new Bathavon East Ward with dismay.

Batheaston, Bathford and Bathampton villages are situated in the Avon valley, surrounding Bathampton Meadows and for many years have co-operated with each other and have a strong local shared identity. To date they have all been in the ward of Bathavon North.

Bathampton Parish CouncillorsI have noted that the new boundary between the proposed Bathavon East and Bathavion North is along the River Avon; splitting off Batheaston and Bathford from Bathampton.

The proposed new Ward (Bathavon East) is a long narrow crescent-shaped area running from the north east of Bath to the south west of Bath. This includes Bathampton in a ward with the parish of South Stoke which is on the opposite side of Bath and with which it has no shared community.

We note that one of the three aims of the ward design is to reflect community identity. Whilst we appreciate the difficulty of creating wards that are electorally equal we do not feel that that should take precedence to an extent that totally ignores the local community identity and interest. .

Yours faithfully,

D.P.Smith
Clerk