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I write regarding the proposal to incorporate Kelston into the Newbridge Ward

I, on behalf of Kelston Parish, have huge concerns regarding this pairing. We are two areas that have totally different needs and requirements and I do not think these two areas could be served fairly neither do I think could any councillor represent the wishes of both a rural and urban area. Kelston is a large very rural parish and obviously a small population but equally important needs and problems that already often get rather neglected. I feel that we would be marginalised if paired with a highly populated urban area. I feel it would be far more appropriate to remain in a rural community in North Avon ward where we could not only be represented by a champion who understands the rural idyll but also someone who has a voice on the Council. This would ensure similar issues and the community can be serviced and get an equal hearing and understanding. I do hope you consider our concerns very seriously as I think this proposal would be a disastrous change for future generations. Rural villages such as Kelston and North Stoke should be recognised for their valuable contribution and diversity they bring and the difference and balance they have compared to urban areas. Combine the two and the rural area becomes engulfed and disappears!

Regards Doug

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Chair Kelston Parish Meeting

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