

## Teignbridge District

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### Comment text:

Living as I do in Tedburn St Mary and therefore being primarily interested in my local area I have to say that I find the proposal for the Tedburn and Moretonhampstead grouping nothing short of laughable. The suggested area has no coherent shape, good interconnecting roads or even natural affinities between the major population centres. One of your documents states that areas should 'Be based on strong, easily identifiable boundaries' - I see quite the opposite in this proposal. The existing Teignbridge North area is a clearly defined, well connected grouping of parishes and works well in terms of Councillor responsibilities and issues of common interest between centres. In addition, it seems to me to be muddled thinking to place so much importance on equality of population per Councillor if this makes discharging of responsibilities more difficult through travelling complexities and lack of shared interests across the area. What is more important is a balance between numbers of people represented, the geographical size of the area and how much commonality there is between parishes represented therein. It rather looks as though those who have suggested the new demarcations have spent much time and deliberation on the southern area of Teignbridge but lost interest in the North and just drawn a few hasty lines based purely on balancing numbers without any consideration of the wider issues and implications. I therefore strongly suggest that these proposals are firmly rejected and taken back to the drawing board in the hope that a more sensible option can be suggested. Failing that, the existing Teignbridge North area should be left as is because 'if ain't broke, don't fix it'!

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