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Hello

As the EHDC Ward Councillor for Froxfield Privett & Steep Ward I thought it may be useful to share my views on current ward to assist your review.

Steep and Steep Marsh are represented by one Parish Council and are very aligned with Stroud and Stroud Parish Council as they share community magazines, churches, Landsmen, potential development of a neighborhood plan as well as joint road speed management programmes. In addition Stroud PC does not currently have a Village Hall so they use Steep Village Hall for all meetings as such to separate these two parishes from the Ward would not be supportive to the community.

Froxfield and Privett Parish also share Landsmen with Steep, Colemore, Prior Dean and Stroud as well as support Planning reviews with Colemore and Priors Dean as that Parish Council only meets twice a year. Froxfield also shares Fast Broadband programmes with Steep Marsh, Colemore and Priors Dean and so again separating these parishes from the rest of the ward would again in my view be counter productive . As such I propose keeping the Ward together as it is.

However you may wish to increase the size of the ward and as such I have proposed a parish that may assist :

1. Sheet – as you are aware Sheet became an independent parish a couple of years ago it directly buffers Steep and Steep Marsh – indeed emergency vehicles can best gain access to these parishes via Sheet should the main road be closed – as such they share a great deal of interests. Businesses in Steep are directly dependent on access from Sheet and vis-versa. The clerk for Sheet PC is the clerk for Steep and Steep Marsh PC and the County Councillor also supports both parishes. Also there are a number of properties that straddle Steep and Sheet in which having the parishes in the same ward would assist planning reviews a great deal. So adding Sheet Parish to the Ward should the commission feel that additional residents should be represented in Froxfield and Steep Ward may be valuable to each community.

I hope that this has been useful.

Kind Regards
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