

Community Governance Review 2025

Second stage public consultation comments

November 2025.

Background

During an 8-week public consultation, North Somerset residents, parish and town councils, and other stakeholders were invited to share their views on the [draft recommendations](#) from the first stage of the Community Governance Review.

This review is being carried out in line with North Somerset Council's statutory duty to review the electoral arrangements of all parishes in the area every 10–15 years. It focuses on:

- Parish names
- Parish boundaries
- Council sizes (i.e., the number of parish councillors)
- Warding
- Creating new parishes
- Grouping parishes together

Below are the submissions received in response to each draft recommendation.

All comments have been copied exactly as submitted, so spelling and grammatical errors have not been corrected.

Draft recommendation 1: That the parish council sizes be amended where current representation does not align with the National Association of Local Council's recommended councillor numbers.

1.1: Reduce Blagdon parish council to 8 seats (currently 11).

Total responses	5
Responses in favour of the recommendation	4
Responses opposing the recommendation	0
Responses indicating uncertainty	1

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *As I am in favour of several parish councils combining, the above question is not applicable. However, the way this questionnaire is formatted has resulted in me being forced to provide an 'answer' which is misleading.*
- *Blagdon Parish Council agree with the recommendation to reduce from 11 to 8 Cllrs.*
- *The parish council doesn't need 11 members.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

NONE

Further comments

- *1.1 proposes that the number of councillors for Blagdon is reduced from 11 to 8. However, as I believe that Blagdon Parish Council should amalgamate with other local parish councils the question itself is of no relevance (the format of the questionnaire does not allow respondents to answer independently) Certainly, 8 would be a more realistic number for such a small parish (although, it still has to fund the cost of a well-qualified almost full-time clerk!)*

1.2: Reduce Churchill parish council to 10 seats (currently 13).

Total responses	4
Responses in favour of the recommendation	2
Responses opposing the recommendation	2
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *I support the recommendation to reduce Churchill Parish Council from 13 to 10 seats.
This change reflects the NALC guidance based on Churchill's electorate size and will bring representation into line with similar parishes across North Somerset. The council has struggled at times to fill all existing seats, and reducing the number would help ensure that all positions are active and meaningful.
A smaller council will make decision-making more efficient, encourage contested elections, and better reflect the practical level of community engagement. This change maintains fair representation while improving effectiveness and sustainability.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *No, the parish is growing massively*

Further comments

NONE

1.3: Reduce Wrington parish council to 10 seats (currently 16), allocating 2 to the Northeast ward and 8 to the Southwest ward.

Total responses	5
Responses in favour of the recommendation	2
Responses opposing the recommendation	2
Responses indicating uncertainty	1

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *I support the proposal to reduce Wrington Parish Council from 16 to 10 councillors, with 2 seats allocated to the Northeast ward and 8 to the Southwest ward.*

This aligns with NALC guidance based on the parish's electorate size and will help ensure the council remains proportionate, efficient, and sustainable. A smaller council will encourage fuller participation, reduce the likelihood of vacancies, and streamline decision-making while maintaining fair representation for both wards.

The proposed distribution of seats appropriately reflects the balance of electors between the two areas and should improve overall governance and accountability.

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *We are currently being asked to accommodate 80 more houses on coxs green. This will make problems with access to major roads. Can other schools accommodate all these additional children? What about shops, Dr surgery and other amenities. We need a full 16 on Wrington Parish Council to consider these problems. I was chair of the PC for 7 years.*

Further comments

- *Your 3 options are not sufficient! Yes reduce but not to 10.*

The number of councillors for Wrington should be reduced to 12, not 10. This would be 10 for Wrington SW ward with 2 for Wrington NE ward. Wrington PC has many responsibilities, probably more than other PCs of the same size. Bristol airport lies entirely within the parish, requiring hours of work from several cllrs. The PC also manages street lights, a recreation field, Memorial Hall, public toilets and 2 play areas.

We need enough cllrs to cover all responsibilities when they can only devote limited time to the PC.

It is important that Redhill (NE ward) is in a separate ward from Wrington (SW ward).

Redhill ward (NE) is much smaller than Wrington ward (SW) so that if there was a contested election and the parish was not warded, then candidates from Redhill are less likely to be elected because they would be less well known. The PC should have NE cllrs because Redhill is a different village from Wrington with different concerns.

1.4: Reduce Long Ashton parish council to 14 seats (currently 21).

Total responses	15
Responses in favour of the recommendation	12
Responses opposing the recommendation	1
Responses indicating uncertainty	2

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- The Parish Council is struggling to recruit councillor and it is a good idea to reduce the number. Considering that the proposed number of 14 has been suggested by just one consultees, there should be additional thought into this. First of all an odd number would help any voting exercise.
14 is still a high number for a small area like Long Ashton, I suggest 9, 4 for Leigh Woods and 5 for Long Ashton, and they should all be elected representatives.
Co-opted councillors should not be an option as do not represent the community, and an unreasonable amount of decision power is given to individuals that simply have time in their hand and proclaim themselves representatives of the community.
I personally not only do not feel represented, but also feel intimidated by the current Parish Council and its obsolete views.
More effort should be put in recruiting competent councillors that do help the community move forwards and be more inclusive.*
- One proviso: the 14 councillors must all pull their weight by being informed and active as committee members*
- With the proviso that all 14 councillors pull their weight by being informed and active on the committees*
- There is difficulty in attracting 21 councilloy*
- Long Ashton Parish Council has considered the draft recommendations for the Community Governance Review. The Council supports the proposal to reduce its size from 21 to 14 councillors, recognising this aligns with the National Association of Local Councils' guidance and with the projected electorate. The Council welcomes the confirmation that Leigh Woods will remain within Long Ashton Parish, opposes any merger with neighbouring parishes, and notes that there should be no change to the Flax Bourton boundary. The Parish Council is therefore content to support the draft recommendations in full.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- There are currently more than 20 councillors representing a range of experiences and interests, it is appropriate to maintain this to ensure that as far as possible residents can continue to be represented as well as possible*

Further comments

- Such a significant reduction inevitably leads to concerns over maintaining the output and effectiveness of the council. The number of councillors would also be linked to other parts of the consultation relating to boundaries*

1.5: Increase Burrington parish council to 7 seats (currently 5).

Total responses	2
Responses in favour of the recommendation	1
Responses opposing the recommendation	1
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *Burrington Parish Council - We also wish to increase the number of councillors from 5 to 7.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *We should be reducing our local governance not increasing it.*

Further comments

NONE

1.6: Increase Portishead Town council to 18 seats (currently 14).

Total responses	17
Responses in favour of the recommendation	8
Responses opposing the recommendation	8
Responses indicating uncertainty	1

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *I support an increase from 14 to 18 but do not support an increase to 23 as NALC recommend*
- *The number of councillors should be increased to the NALC recommendation number of 23. Throughout the council proposal document it is argued NSC should increase or decrease numbers to meet the NALC figures. Why would we not do this in Portishead? - the logic of the document is inconsistent without this increase.*
- *The number of councillors should be increased to the NALC recommendation number of 23. Throughout the council proposal document it is argued NSC should increase or decrease numbers to meet the NALC figures. Why would we not do this in Portishead? - the logic of the document is inconsistent without this increase.*
- *rather than split west or other areas allocating extra councillors to the largest areas would improve representation.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *Portishead Town Council does not support this increase. The Council has assessed its democratic requirements its current level of representation and governance and concludes that one additional Council (bringing the total to 15) is required. Councillor Mike Johnston previously submitted a view on behalf of the Council and I confirm that submission was made under the authority of the Full Council. Please accept that representation as the collective view of PTC.
The additional councillor would provide the following representation: West ward - 5 members; East - 5 members North ward - 3 members and South ward - 2 members.
Portishead Town Council does not support the proposal to increase the number of Councillors to 18.*

- *I have been a town councillor since Dec 25 and it seems to me that 14 councillors is sufficient to cover the needs of this compact town at this time. The guidance suggesting we increase pro rata as per other parishes makes no sense to me. Frankly I cannot see why so many parish councillors are needed to over essentially a range of non-statutory tasks. If we worked on the same basis at unitary authority level there would be hundreds of North Somerset Unitary Authority councillors and would not add value in my estimation. I am willing to support the increase of one councillor as per Portishead Town Council councillors consensus merely to balance the numbers across the wards, however, I do not think it is critically needed.*
- *There is currently a 'cost of living' situation that is currently negatively impacting the majority of residents and is forecast to worsen. Additional councillors will add additional costs that will be borne by most if the 22.5 thousand residents. In an attempt to manage and mitigate increased costs to residents and to maximise the services the Parish can provide with the limited and diminishing resources available should be a primary consideration to public officials (councillors) at all levels. There is no necessity to expand the executive unless there is a clear and real need; a recommendation by a quango or subjective body (the NALC represents the interests of local councils so had 'skin in the game' to increase the size and influence of those whom they represent while having no accountability to those who support or fund those bodies). The increase in population size adds little additional workload to councillors - there are not new responsibilities and a nominal increase in correspondence can be addressed satisfactorily by those who support the executive (including via improved productivity and efficiencies). Where such a need is identified, a clear and transparent and costed case for this (over and above someone suggesting this is how they think it should be) should be presented to local taxpayers so they can make a fully informed (democratic) decision if they want to subsidise this increase in the executive."*

Further comments

NONE

1.7: Reduce Winscombe and Sandford parish council to 13 seats (currently 15).

Total responses	8
Responses in favour of the recommendation	1
Responses opposing the recommendation	7
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

NONE

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *I am at a loss to know why with increased numbers of residents and electors in the Parish you are recommending a reduction in the number of parish councillors? all part of your plan to ignore Parish councils I expect*
- *The area is growing in population so need the full number of councillors to be able to hear and act on the concerns of residents.*
- *Firstly, it is working very well as it is. Secondly I find it difficult to understand why any organisation would recommend a reduction in the number of councillors when there have been at least 200 new properties (largely so at minimum 2 properties per household) built in Winscombe Plus every tiny gap with a field behind it has mushroomed into a new housing estate in Sandford.*

- *If you reduce numbers you get a more restricted view from the parish and need as much input as possible. Sandford is always the poor relation and there should be a more even balance of councillors on the PC as the village has expanded more than Winscombe and should have a greater say in local matters without having been split away from Winscombe.*
- *As the parish council rarely carries any vacancies for parish councillor positions, and with any vacancies being soon filled, the current number of parish councillor seats remain unchanged.*

Further comments

NONE

1.8: Reduce Backwell parish council to 12 seats (currently 15).

Total responses	8
Responses in favour of the recommendation	1
Responses opposing the recommendation	6
Responses indicating uncertainty	1

Comments in favour of the recommendation

NONE

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *With the house building underway in Backwell and future house building plans also underway the population will grow beyond the current number and therefore reducing the number of councillors will not meet the NALC recommendation for that growth if the number is reduced*
- *With the proposed inclusion of the Grove farm estate (2.1) and the additional land from Brockley (2.2). This would not seem to be the right time to reduce representation on the Parish council*
- *With planning permission granted for a very substantial increase to Backwell's population there seems little valid rationale to reduce members of Parish Council*
- *This proposal seems inappropriate if the proposal to accept that the proposed development at Grove Farm is then included in the parish boundary.*
- *"It seems that these proposals have had a minority response overall considering the total number of residents in North Somerset, the actual number of respondents does not seem to be given. This may be because residents have lost faith in the system and believe any consultations are merely lip service to the desires of the people.
In the case of Backwell, it is proposed that the number of councillors be reduced by 3 despite the fact that the population will increase significantly when all the house building is completed, which seems undemocratic.
Despite the increase in revenue from all the proposed new building, and the reduction in the number of councillors, and the changes to such things as bin collections, I see that the proposed changes will still result in an increase in the total council tax including an increase of the council precept.
In the part of Backwell where I live there is no street lighting, the roads are a roller coaster ride and the pavements like an obstacle course with all the holes, especially when recycling day is approaching.*

The proposed changes also suggest that new builds will not be affected by these changes, so what exactly is the purpose of these changes if decisions are still made elsewhere, charges are still going to increase and representation is going to decrease?"

- **1.8 – Reduction of BPC Seats to 12**

BPC objects to the proposed reduction in the number of seats. This proposal was raised by only one resident, and the Council does not consider it necessary or appropriate. There are already an extra 800+ houses planned for Backwell, with these numbers expected to substantially increase.

Parish Councillors now have an increased workload, planning being a particular example. Furthermore, responsibilities for some district council functions have been passed from NSC to BPC.

Reducing the number of Councillors will save little money, if any.

Reducing the number of Councillors would reduce the opportunity for new, younger people from the newly built houses to join BPC.

Their presence on the PC would have a positive effect on the demographic of the PC, as people with young children might see the need for their views to be represented.

Further comments

NONE

1.9: Reduce Locking parish council to 13 seats (currently 15).

Total responses	6
Responses in favour of the recommendation	4
Responses opposing the recommendation	2
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *1 Following on from other suggestions to be considered regarding Locking Council - ie regarding merging Locking Council with Hutton, et al - this question may become moot.*
- 2 Theoretically, I agree that there should be a reduction, especially if the actual structure of future council administration is fully reviewed. Proper creation of 'Sectors/Wards', new personnel appointments, eg a Chief Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Chief Chair, and specific allocation of Councillors within each Sector ward for the size of the electorate may naturally bring about a reduction in Councillors, dependent upon how the area is divided up*
- 3 For example, there may only be four Sectors/Wards and the maximum number per ward might be 3 = 12*
- 4 However, if there is a merger it will greatly depend upon the size and number of Councillors required to be able to carry out administration effectively and provide sound value for money*

Comments opposing the recommendation

NONE

Further comments

NONE

1.10: Reduce Wraxall and Failand parish council to 9 seats (currently 11).

Total responses	62
Responses in favour of the recommendation	6
Responses opposing the recommendation	52
Responses indicating uncertainty	4

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *They have trouble keeping the current amount of parish councillors and are continuously co opting new councillors*
- *Wraxall and Failand don't need more than 9 parish councillors every year they seem to be co opting new councillors they have some very good community minded people on the council and i think 9 is sufficient*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *The more people involved in local democracy the better! It is a good way of engaging the community to take an interest in local affairs. It has no cost implications as all parish councillors are volunteers. I can't see a good reason for reducing the number.*
- *It is not clear why a reduction is needed. If this was linked to the NTC increase in size if Elms residents moved into NTC then we strongly oppose this because the Elms is not now going to be part of NTC so W&F needs adequate representation. Thank you.*
- *We need more input into local villages from locals - stop trying to reduce*
- *I see no valid reason whatsoever to reduce the number of seats. I don't think this would achieve anything beneficial for the residents of the Parish.*
- *With Wraxall and Failand Council taking on more responsibilities from North Somerset Council the number needs to remain at 11*
- *The number of Councillors should remain the same in order to have sufficient capacity to deal with the issues from their area.*
- *Wraxall and failand is a disparate parish. The pockets of communities are very different in makeup, and need. It is important to have a contingent of parish councillors who reside throughout the parish and are able to represent the very different concerns and requirements of these communities.*
- *With Wraxall and Failand PC taking on more responsibilities from North Somerset the number of Councillors should remain at 11.*
- *If there is future development in the parish, to be reflective of the numbers this would need to increase, so reducing to 9 would be counter productive.*
- *11 feels a more practical number, allowing for a diverse range of views contributing to discussion and decision, and giving scope to accommodate occasional absence*
- *Significant resident participation is key to widespread representation of the communities views*
- *The parish is lucky enough to have parishioners who volunteer and by having the eleven they are able to spread the workload which is important and the council has a good spread of age, gender and skills.*
- *"Why is it that NSDC has to invoke itself in this if it's not broken don't try to mend it.*
- *It would be far better that NSDC concentrated on reducing costs within the expense that has gone through on renovating The Council House in Weston is a joke,"*
- *It is so much better to have more people involved in local government. There are no cost implications to having 11 councillors vs 9.*

- *"Local representation is vital to the community and future of the villages
11counellors give a cross representation for the parish
There is rarely a can any which shows the commitment of the local residents"*
- *There is no basis or science to support this change except for an unexplained table provided by ALCA. Wraxall and Failand has a full council and rarely has a vacancy. The 11 Councillors represent and cross section of the diverse parish covering urban living, young families and agricultural / rural living.*
- *During my time on the W&FPC and as Chairman for a significant period, we found it best to co-opt people by word of mouth who took an interest in maintaining the eleven Councilors*
- *They provide good representation and do not cost North Somerset any money as they all volunteer their time.*
- *We currently have 11 which is necessary to spread the workload as we are volunteers. By reducing this we are increasing this workload and making it harder for individuals to take part alongside their jobs. As a younger Parish Councillor this is a vital aspect for me as I require the flexibility and support of wider group to contribute alongside my job which is 6 days a week and the 11 Councillors means we have that.*
- *The current number of 11 councillors is appropriate and should be retained. The Avon Local Councils Association (ALCA) recommended 10 councillors; therefore, it is unclear why North Somerset Council proposes a further reduction to 9.
Maintaining 11 councillors ensures adequate democratic representation for the parish and supports effective governance. As parish councillors are unpaid, reducing the number would not result in any cost savings. However, a council of 11 members allows responsibilities and workloads to be shared more evenly and encourages participation from a wider and more diverse group of residents, including younger people who may have limited time to commit but still wish to contribute to the community.
Wraxall and Failand is one of the largest geographical parishes in North Somerset and as such has a large spread of individual areas that make up the Parish as it is today. Having 11 Councillors (of which there are no vacancies and has a waiting list) allows the Parish a full representation from across the Parish.
For these reasons, the number of councillors for Wraxall and Failand Parish Council should be retained at 11.*
- *I agree with Wraxall & Failand PC's response to the second phase of the consultation.
Many of the tasks carried out by a small parish council are the same as a town council, particularly with respect to planning. Given that the parish is a mix of different communities, it is important that they are represented by councillors that live there. Furthermore, the skills, knowledge and experience to be an effective councillor take time to acquire and new councillors need to be mentored after completing ALCA training.
The rationale for exceeding an ALCA recommendation was not stated. Given that some local council struggle to fill vacancies, I believe that it is important to encourage and support residents who wish to participate in local democracy so that their communities had been better represented.
I consider that 11 councillors is the appropriate number for this diverse parish to provide the appropriate balance of skills and experience.*
- *I do not support the recommendation to reduce the number of councillors from 11 to 9. While the NALC guidance provides a useful benchmark, it is only advisory and does not take into account the unique characteristics of each parish. Wraxall and Failand is*

geographically large and includes distinct communities such as Failand, Lower Failand, Wraxall, and The Elms — each with its own identity, needs, and local priorities. Maintaining 11 councillors ensures that all areas are properly represented and that local decision-making remains inclusive and responsive.

With ongoing development pressures, active community groups, and complex local issues, a council of 11 members allows for effective distribution of workload, continuity of governance, and broad community engagement. Reducing the number of councillors risks weakening representation and overburdening those who remain. Therefore, I believe retaining 11 councillors is essential to sustain effective local democracy and strong community involvement across the whole parish.

- Stop changing things for no apparent reason so that you can claim more control. The residents of The Elms are a happy, friendly community and don't need changes made to the Parish Council
- The parish is indeed fortunate to have enough parishioners who are happy to volunteer and with eleven councillors it spreads the work load.
- Happy with number of counsellors so no need to reduce them
Leave at 11
- The number of councilors is fine, and as a former Chairman, I/we never had a problem recruiting councilors during my period in office.

Further comments

NONE

1.11: Reduce Weston-super-Mare Town council to 29 seats (currently 31).

Total responses	16
Responses in favour of the recommendation	14
Responses opposing the recommendation	1
Responses indicating uncertainty	1

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- Weston super mare has always been over represented in North Somerset. It should have fewer than 29.
- Council tax is an ABSOLUTE JOKE. You lot do nothing of any substance and should be ashamed of yourselves.
- Ideally it should be reduced to around 25 councillors
- This should be reduced significantly more. One councillor for each ward is plenty.
Town council should be abolished and simply have a NS cabinet member representing the town, and services taken over by NS to cut costs
- I note with interest the options given to answer this question DO NOT INCLUDE the possibility of requesting Weston has more parish councillors. The structure of your survey is therefore flawed as my answer is not covered by your questions.
Across the proposals in this document there is a consistent argument for parishes to be increased or decreased to be in line with NALC guidance. That NALC guidance ends at 23,500 electors (maybe a third the size of electors in Weston at circa 62,000 according to NSC figures in this document) having 25 councillors.
The proposal to drop 2 councillors is ridiculous. The argument appears to say the number of Cllrs should be dropped to meet the top

end of NALC, but NSC can only squeeze the parish down from 31 to 29 - if you believe Weston should only have the top end numbers suggested by NALC, go the whole way and drop to just 25. Not doing so proves this proposal is a nonsense.

The 62k electors should have more like 65 councillors to give equitable democratic representation to meet NALC guidance.

To illustrate the democratic inequality this proposal offers the people of Weston: electors in Loxton for example have 5 cllrs for less than 200 people! One elected representative per 40 people in rich Loxton, in Weston 1 cllr per 2,000+ people. The Weston council is far too big and should be reduced in geographic and population terms.

- Very concerned my postal vote is being delivered after voting day even after early request. 12 reasons in law what I can and cannot do BUT NO law in late votes being counted a very annoying situation not addressed.
- The number of Councillors in these wards should be reduced to ensure equality of representation in all wards.
- "I note with interest the options given to answer this question DO NOT INCLUDE the possibility of requesting Weston has more parish councillors. The structure of your survey is therefore flawed as my answer is not covered by your questions.

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- If there are too many as per the recommendation, then reduce. If it is costing money to pay for a salary and we are over the recommended number- then reduce.

Comments opposing the recommendation

- Do not support the reduction of councillors in Milton nor South Worle and don't believe the evidence supports this decision. Both Milton and South Worle have the largest electorates out of all of the wards and the size per councillor is the same as both mid worle and worlebury wards but neither of these are proposed to be reduced or removed.

We support a reduction in councillors and if there is to be a balanced electorate per ward then we propose that Mid Worle is abolished and the current polling districts of WIA and WIB are used as the boundaries. With WIA is transferred into North Worle and this gains one more councillor. WIB is then transferred to South Worle.

This would see South Worle stay at 4 and according to the data on the council's website about WIB this has 1,734 electorates so South Worle would have 8,638. This is divided across 4 councillors is 2,159 each which is in line with other wards.

This would see North Worle increase to 4 councillors and according to the data on the council's website about WIA this has 1,494 electors so North Worle would have 7,650. Among 4 councillors this would be 1,912 each. This is in line with other wards.

Mid Worle would be abolished and have zero councillors.

Data is from the polling district review of 2023: <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/council-democracy/voting-elections/polling-districts-polling-places-review-2023>

These maps clearly show how WIA and WIB boundaries are drafted and could easily be lifted in full and added to North Worle and South Worle.

Further comments

NONE

1.12: Reduce Clevedon Town Council to 20 seats (currently 21).

Total responses	11
Responses in favour of the recommendation	9
Responses opposing the recommendation	2
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- Clevedon is currently over-represented. It should have equal or fewer representatives than Portishead.
- Your recommendation is too high. Given the lack of contested elections many many councillor are elected unopposed. This has created a situation of bad governance. I suggest reducing the council to 15. This will allow for congested electorates three councillor per ward
- It should reduce costs. Modern communications allow for easier sharing information

Comments opposing the recommendation

NONE

Further comments

NONE

Draft recommendation 2: That the boundary of Backwell parish be amended to reflect residential development with planning permission already obtained.

2.1 That the Backwell boundary be extended to include all proposed housing at Grove Farm within the parish of Backwell.

Total responses	24
Responses in favour of the recommendation	4
Responses opposing the recommendation	19
Responses indicating uncertainty	1

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *This is an extensive development and for it not to be represented as part of the Backwell Parish when its effects on the village will be significant, seems wrong.*
- *2.1 – Inclusion of all housing at Grove Farm within Backwell*
BPC supports this recommendation. This will simplify the management of housing at Grove Farm. While it involves a minor adjustment to the boundary with Brockley, BPC remains in favour of this change.

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *Boundary changes should only be made once planning permissions have been granted and building has begun. This is jumping the gun and planning may never be granted.*
- **BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL** *"This situation arose originally when, although these properties are in Brockley, we were not consulted regarding the plans for the Grove Farm development.*
This suggestion appeared without any consultation with us by Backwell Parish Council which we find to be very discourteous.
The proposal results in an increased cost to both properties affected from a council tax perspective and would also prevent a share of the CIL monies being given to Brockley.
More importantly, It could also mean that our input into the inevitable upheaval through the building works could be weakened. Equally, it is a misleading to use the argument that it would be preferable to have the development within the boundary of one single parish; we understand that Taylor Wimpey already own at least two adjacent fields to the land in question which remain within our Parish.
We still await a reply from NSC Planning regarding the residents of one of the properties who are very concerned about the development.
Will NSC be writing to the residents of these 2 properties regarding this plan? We certainly plan to do so."
- *With the forthcoming building work it is very important that Brockley has full input and involvement in the progress and this would weaken their ability to do so. It would also potentially divert CIL monies due to Brockley in the direction of Backwell.*
- *Brockley parish council should not lose this area. There are very effective in protecting the parishioners from unwanted inconveniences which would inevitably result from the Grove farm development. Also it would lessen their income and capacity to help local residents.*
- *"1. Summary*
I strongly object to Draft Recommendation 2.1, which proposes moving the Brockley–Backwell boundary along Chelvey Road so that Old Barton and Old Field House fall within Backwell Parish.
This recommendation is administratively convenient but democratically harmful, and it fails to satisfy the statutory criteria in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
2. Chelvey Road and Community Identity
Chelvey Road is critical infrastructure for Brockley, used daily by residents and central to our community's geography.
Removing it from Brockley's governance would mean decisions about maintenance, safety, and development would be made by a different parish with no direct accountability to those most affected.
This plainly fails the statutory test that governance must reflect community identity and be effective and convenient.
3. Financial and Democratic Impact
The Council's own analysis (p. 8 of the draft report – July 2025) shows:

- *Brockley precept ↓ 2 %*
- *Backwell precept ↑ 0.1 %*
- *Residents ↑ £47–£64 per year in Council Tax*

This is inequitable: a small rural parish loses resources and influence so that a larger one can gain marginally.

No improvement in service delivery has been evidenced.

4. Process and Transparency

Neither Backwell Parish Council nor North Somerset Council consulted Brockley residents before submitting or supporting this change. That contradicts paragraph 28 of the Government's Guidance on Community Governance Reviews (2010), which requires genuine engagement and consensus before altering long-standing boundaries.

5. Planning Convenience ≠ Governance Justification

The only stated rationale is to "align the Grove Farm development within one ward."

Parish boundaries are not meant to tidy up planning paperwork or simplify developer administration.

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6. Conclusion

This proposal:

- *Removes key local infrastructure from Brockley's democratic control;*
- *Reduces our precept and weakens our ability to deliver local services;*
- *Lacks any consultation or community mandate.*

It therefore fails to meet the purposes of a Community Governance Review and should be rejected in full.

The existing Brockley–Backwell boundary should remain unchanged.

- *"The Taylor Wimpey proposal involves land from both Grove Farm and Burnt House Farm, with the majority of the proposed development situated on Grove Farm. It is important to note that Burnt House Farm lies within Brockley Parish, whereas Grove Farm is within Backwell Parish. The TW proposed development has already exceeded both the development boundary and the Parish Boundary with both being ignored during the planning process a point which I raised during the planning consultation period. Why was the plan not contained within the existing boundaries? To date I have not been given a clear explanation why it was necessary to extend the boundaries given the overall size of the development. Additionally, my understand is that there has been no consultation with Brockley PC by Backwell PC about changing the parish boundary.*

My family have lived here for 67 years and we strongly object to this proposal, as we wish to remain in Brockley Parish and part of that community. The stated rational for the boundary change is to include all the proposed development within one ward; this goal could alternatively be achieved by aligning the boundary with the north, west and east curtilage of Old Field House and Old Barton rather than along the Chelvey Road side of these properties. This adjustment would allow us to remain in Brockley Parish.

It is important to understand the real motivation for the boundary adjustment, is it the council, or is it the developer who now controls the land??

The process currently feels predetermined, perhaps due to only two properties being involved, which we consider inequitable! This is an easy option which is grossly unfair!! Furthermore, what justification is there for any increase in council tax as there will be no change to our current circumstances or associated services."

- I am the owner/resident at Old Barton, which is directly affected by this proposal. Whilst my wife and I can see the administrative convenience of what is proposed, we very much feel part of the local community which is clustered around the northern end of Chelvey Lane and around the the Bristol Water Pumping Station. We would want our voice to be heard on planning and development issues as part of that local community which is a part of Brockley Parish Council, and not through Backwell Parish Council.*
- my neighbours resided at old field house for nearly 70 years and as such are active within the community as there are only two houses affected it would seem logical to retain existing boundaries and thus to remain in one ward This was not brought to the attention of the parish council involved, and like myself would no doubt object to any alteration*
- We wish to formally express our strong objection to the proposed boundary change affecting Brockley Parish. Our family has resided here (Old Field House) for 67 years, and it is our sincere desire to remain within Brockley Parish and continue to be active members of this community.*

The process currently feels predetermined, perhaps due to only two properties being involved, which we consider inequitable! This is an easy option which is grossly unfair!! Furthermore, what justification is there for any increase in council tax as there will be no change to our current circumstances or associated services.

The stated rational for the boundary change is to include all the proposed development within one ward; despite the reasoning put forward, we are firmly of the view that the current boundary should remain unchanged. The assertion that the proposed Taylor Wimpey (TW) development must be situated within a single parish does not hold up to scrutiny. Notably, TW already controls additional fields surrounding our property, and these would continue to be located within Brockley Parish, even if the boundary were altered. Also, why was this issue not raised during the planning process for the TW development? Therefore, the logic underpinning the proposed change is flawed, and we respectfully request that our concerns are taken into account.

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Why was the plan not contained within the existing boundaries? To date I have not been given a clear explanation why it was necessary to extend the boundaries given the overall size of the development. Additionally, my understanding is that there has been no consultation with Brockley PC by Backwell PC about changing the parish boundary.

Why have we only been presented with one option? One solution to ensure both properties remain in Brockley Parish would be to align the boundary to the north, west and east curtilage of Old Field House and Old Barton rather than along Chelvey Road side of these properties. This would allow both properties to remain in Brockley Parish. Alternatively, don't change the boundaries which would be make most sense.

- I strongly object to Draft Recommendation 2.1, which proposes moving the Brockley–Backwell boundary along Chelvey Road so that Old Barton and Old Field House fall within Backwell Parish.*

This recommendation is administratively convenient but democratically harmful, and it fails to satisfy the statutory criteria in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. I can not see how this will lead to more effective and convenient local government and it does not reflect the interests of my local community.

I have provided a couple of examples to support this.

Firstly, Chelvey Road is critical infrastructure for Brockley, used daily by residents and central to our community’s geography. Removing it from Brockley’s governance would mean decisions about maintenance, safety, and development would be made by a different parish with no direct accountability to those most affected. This plainly fails the statutory test that governance must reflect community identity and be effective and convenient.

Second, the financial and democratic impact is inequitable. The Council’s own analysis (p. 8 of the draft report – July 2025) shows that Brockley precept will decrease by 2 %, Backwell precept increase by 0.1 % and residents increase by £47-£64 per year in Council Tax. This is inequitable: a small rural parish loses resources and influence so that a larger one can gain marginally. No improvement in service delivery has been evidenced.

Third. There has been no process or transparency in the process. Neither Backwell Parish Council nor North Somerset Council consulted Brockley residents before submitting or supporting this change.

That contradicts paragraph 28 of the Government’s Guidance on Community Governance Reviews (2010), which requires genuine engagement and consensus before altering long-standing boundaries.

Fourth. Planning Convenience does not equal Governance Justification. The only stated rationale is to “align the Grove Farm development within one ward.” Parish boundaries are not meant to tidy up planning paperwork or simplify developer administration. They exist to preserve representation, accountability, and community cohesion.

Overall this proposal fails to meet the purposes of a Community Governance Review and should be rejected in full.

The existing Brockley–Backwell boundary should remain unchanged.
- There will be increased council tax costs to both properties in the area in question which is unfair on the current residents. In addition to this, Brockley needs to be part of the consultation about the building work that is due at Grove Farm. Chelvey Road is a key access to Brockley parishioners and therefore our representatives need to sit at that table and have influence to protect our interests. The new development will be a nightmare for us all and this will only make things worse if we have no say. Taylor Wimpey own other fields in our parish so it’s a nonsense to say this will bring all the work into one parish. Last but not least this will reduce the amount of income to Brockley Parish which is again not in parishioners’ interests.*
- Why should Backwell take some of the land within the Brockley Boundary, to the financial detriment of Brockley. This is totally wrong!*
- The proposal to move Brockley’s boundary is outrageous. The proposed development at Grove Farm is already extends the urban use of high grade agricultural land into the rural parish of Brockley against the wishes of most, if not all, Brockley Parishioners. The Backwell settlement boundary must not encroach on Brockley as such a move would undermine the rights of Brockley residents in their opposition to the development of agricultural land in the parish. Taylor Wimpy already has an option on land within the green belt to the*

west of Chelvey Road, moving the Backwell boundary to the East of Chelvey Road would play into its hands. Brockley comprises a group of three medieval parishes whose small population's views and rights are frequently ignored.

- Since the bus lane nonsense at the Brockley Coombe/Brockley Lane junction Chelvey Lane has become an essential access route for residents of Brockley and must therefore remain totally under the remit of Brockley parish. There is also no practical benefit to Old field House and Old Barton of any change in boundary: the only benefit is to Backwell Council as regards its parish precept to the detriment of Brockley.

Further comments

NONE

2.2 That the Backwell boundary with Nailsea be amended to ensure any proposed residential development in Nailsea is sited within Nailsea's boundary.

Total responses	48
Responses in favour of the recommendation	23
Responses opposing the recommendation	16
Responses indicating uncertainty	9

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- The recommendation does not make sense as drafted. I believe this should say ".....any proposed residential development in Nailsea is sited within Nailsea's boundary."
- A minor change. No comment.
- 2.2 – Housing on Land South of Nailsea Development to be within Nailsea boundary
BPC supports this minor adjustment, which aligns with the masterplan.
- This proposal has minimal impact upon the communities of Nailsea or Backwell.

Comments opposing the recommendation

- The proposed road should not be built because Nailsea has no A roads and any extra traffic is going to cause more congestion.
BUILD NEW A ROADS FOR NAILSEA THAT ALLOW ACCESS TO OTHER A ROADS.
Use the money that you do have to improve the access we have first before any new roads.

Further comments

- I objected to the boundary being along the railway line. This proposal seems to use the railway line as a boundary. I do not think the new houses planned in Nailsea go to the railway line so am unsure as to why a boundary change is needed. As yet, there is no planning granted for new houses in this area!
- The question not being asked / answered is why is all the development being pushed on to Nailsea Backwell seems every other parish is not receiving much development
- This seems a very minor insignificant change compared to others under consideration

Draft recommendation 3: That the boundary of Portishead be extended to include the residential dwellings in Moor Gate.

Total responses	25
Responses in favour of the recommendation	12
Responses opposing the recommendation	13
Responses indicating uncertainty	0
<p>Comments in favour of the recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>I thought (as I'm sure many others do) that the Moorgate estate was already inside Portishead boundary. So this seems a logical step to take as makes very little difference to either parish although a cost implication for Moorgate residents.</i> <i>It's absolutely in Portishead!</i> <i>Moorgate is serviced by the town of Portishead, not the village of portbury. I agree boundary should be extended to include Moorgate.</i> <i>It makes geographical sense as Moor Gate residents are more closely linked to Portishead than Portbury. Most residents of Moor Gate use Portishead as their postal address rather than Portbury.</i> <i>Portishead strongly supports this recommendation. NSC has recognised a clear demographic anomaly that requires a remedy. The residents of these properties are Portishead residents. The residents have no social or economic connection to the parish of Portbury.</i> <i>This makes sense as to all intents and purposes it relates to the Portishead buildings development of recent years and previously it was merely farm land in Portbury parish. It is worth checking whether Moor Gate adopted by St Peter's Cof E as part of the parish or if it could be.</i> <p>Comments opposing the recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>It will result in a 13.1% increase in my council tax bill with no impact to the service provided. Moor Gate already pay a service charge for the estate so dont get the benefit of the north somerset cutting grass etc.</i> <i>Despite being separated from the main Portbury village we like being a part of the Portbury community. We are also not happy that this change would have a financial impact on our council tax payments. This boundary change is a significant financial benefit to the Portishead parish, and will negatively impact both the Moor Gate residents and Portbury parish.</i> <i>We have been here since the house was built and we were told that we would be in the parish of Portbury.</i> <i>Currently serviced well by Portbury and see no justification to impose a negative financial impact to residents for no tangible benefit or extra services provided. Dwellings accessed from Sheepway have always and should continue to be part of Portbury, as was the case when we purchased our property in 2008.</i> <i>"We do not see the need to change the boundary.</i> <i>If it was to change this would cause a significant increase in council tax rates with little or no difference to the services provided."</i> <i>I strongly value identifying with the village of Portbury outside of Portishead</i> <p>Further comments NONE</p>	

Draft recommendation 4: That the parish of Winscombe and Sandford be divided into two wards for the purpose of electing councillors.

Total responses	11
Responses in favour of the recommendation	4
Responses opposing the recommendation	7
Responses indicating uncertainty	0
<p>Comments in favour of the recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>This would allow Sandford residents to have a direct voice. Sandford has always been left behind and forgotten about, seen as a sub village to Winscombe. This really isn't reality, Sandford has its own identity and its own individual needs.</i> <p>Comments opposing the recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What a ridiculous suggestion, just look at the problems identified in Yatton PC by the acceptance of warding. And on what basis have you allocated only 3 seats to Sandford.... another example of the us in Sandford being seen as the less important part of the parish.</i> <i>Why is Sandford always treated as the poor relation? With all the new housing here why should we proportionally have fewer parish councillors? We have over the years had little support from Winscombe on matters affecting Sandford and should have a greater voice on the PC.</i> <i>I believe the area is best served by keeping things as they are. I fear Sandford would have less say if it became a ward.</i> <i>No need to create artificial separation if Winscombe and Sandford- risk that not enough councilors from winscombe will be found and there will be a surplus from Sandford. Given new houses and expanding population it doesn't make sense to reduce councilors</i> <i>Continued from first question: I am reliably informed that there has never been any problem with residents coming forward to serve as Parish Councillor in Winscombe and Sandford. The arguments for warding – none of them applies to this parish council. All of the arguments against do apply. Please leave things as they are.</i> <i>Totally ridiculous leave well alone.</i> <i>With equal representation in place for both villages, warding of the parish was considered unnecessary.</i> <i>I am reliably informed that there has never been any problem with residents coming forward to serve as a parish councillor in Winscombe & Sandford parish council. The arguments for warding – none of them applies to this parish council. All of the arguments against do apply. Please leave things as they are.</i> <p>Further comments NONE</p>	

Draft recommendation 5: That the ward names in Weston-super-Mare be updated where they do not currently reflect the community identity.

5.1: That the Weston-super-Mare Bournville ward be renamed Weston-super-Mare South ward.

Total responses	9
Responses in favour of the recommendation	3
Responses opposing the recommendation	5
Responses indicating uncertainty	1

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *Yes support as it aligns with North Somerset Council boundary and makes the identity clearer*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *Renaming the Bournville ward will not result in any better management of the area, only lots of expense in paperwork rather than spend money on area requirements.*
- *Bournville is a well known and familiar name for this area.*
- *"People know it as Bournville, don't confuse things and don't add extra cost to rename it everywhere when it is unnecessary. If someone really thinks this is what the residents want, then put a vote to all the residents to decide."*

Further comments

NONE

5.2: That the Weston-super-Mare Worlebury ward be renamed Weston-super-Mare Worle West & Worlebury ward.

Total responses	9
Responses in favour of the recommendation	5
Responses opposing the recommendation	3
Responses indicating uncertainty	1

Comments in favour of the recommendation

NONE

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *Renaming will not result in any better maintenance of the area roads etc*
- *Worlebury is a well known and familiar name for this area (the name change is unnecessary).*
- *"Stop confusing matters. Keep it as is. How many people in the ward are behind this change- perhaps ask them rather than listen to a few Opinions."*

Further comments

NONE

Draft recommendation 6: That the Weston-super-Mare boundary be amended to reflect completed residential development.

6.1: That the Weston-super-Mare boundary be extended to include housing in the Eastern end of Kewstoke around Anson Road

Total responses	89
Responses in favour of the recommendation	7
Responses opposing the recommendation	80
Responses indicating uncertainty	2

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- I can imagine that there will be opposition to this from Kewstoke councillors who do not like the financial implications of this. But this is not in any way part of the village of Kewstoke. And a boundary cutting through this part of North Worle, dividing houses in the same street, does not reflect the reality of the community. I urge the Council to stick with this change.*
- Kewstoke is a village and these roads are separate from it.*

Comments opposing the recommendation:

- I oppose this decision as I am one of the residents who would be impacted by this decision. When I purchased my home the matter of being in Kewstoke was one of the selling points. This decision of removing properties from the Kewstoke boundary could have negative implications on the value of my property. In which I would have to seek legal advice for potential legal action against the council to recover the value lost if this decision moves forward. i wished to live in Kewstoke which is part of the reason why I brought this property, if I wished to live in the Weston district I would of purchased my property within the Weston district. I also find that the consequences of having my council tax increased unjust, this too could have an impact upon the value of my home and negatively impacts my income.
The fields that the new proposed boundary would sit behind are well known to wanting to be built on by the council. But there has been much opposition from Kewstoke residents, it could be suggested that this move of boundary would remove these comments from residents who live in Kewstoke, as well as preventing them from potentially commenting further. Meaning there is less opposition to the build which could be influencing this decision, which is not of the benefit to the current residents*
- I have fears of increased bureaucracy, it is clear there will be an additional council tax increase in the height of cost of living crisis, not something I can stretch to afford. The increase sees no (precept) for a similar level of services, the loss of a community's unique identity and concerns about creating a less connected or fragmented local governance structure. The proposed changes are unnecessary, offer no real benefit to residents, or risk damaging community cohesion, particularly for small, rural, or historically distinct communities.*

- *I see no viable reasons to change the boundary other than to gain more money for NSC and take it away from KPC. How are you expecting people to find the extra money to pay for the increase of Council tax .The value of the houses most likely decrees.
As my letter was addressed
10 Hawke road Weston Super Mare The decision have already been made*
- *Living on Hawke road I am directly affected by this. I obviously object to paying more council tax. Look at the poor service we get for the council tax payment already! Dangerous potholes everywhere, dirty street signs, roads full of weeds and not maintained, signs for RAF Locking still up when RAF Locking has not existed for decades, etc etc. Why should I pay even more for deteriorating services? I STRONGLY OBJECT TO YOU BUILDING MORE HOUSES IN THIS AREA. This will ruin and spoil my (and all of my neighbours) peaceful enjoyment of our homes, and will increase traffic and noise pollution. Your plans will completely destroy the character of my home life and I object.*
- *I cannot afford to pay more council tax just because you want to move a boundary line.*
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* not being able to support the smaller parish of Kewstoke in which we currently whole heartedly support.
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* really happy with Kewstoke Parish and its handling of everything, they are doing a great job and feel this change may negatively impact them.
* Kewstoke is a community as well as a parish and feel this is unfair to divide this when this is important to it's residents.
* history important to people of current developments, no need to change.*
- *We feel very much part of the Kewstoke community and have been for nearly 30 years.*
- *I strongly disagree on this!! First we didn't agree with the houses now we don't agree with this. I bought a house in kewstoke and I want it to remain in kewstoke.*
- *Not only does it mean we are no longer part of the small parish of Kewstoke, but it unnecessarily increases our Council Tax which is unacceptable.
I am writing to formally object to the proposals outlined in the Community Governance Review recommendation to extend the town's boundary to incorporate our area, thereby removing us from our existing parish and subjecting us to a projected 14.9% increase in council tax.
Our parish has a long-standing identity, with strong community ties and effective local representation. The proposed boundary change would sever these connections, placing us under a larger town council that may not reflect our local priorities or values. The parish council has consistently demonstrated responsiveness to residents' concerns, and this would diminish our ability to voice concerns. A 14.9% increase in council tax is unacceptable, especially during a period of economic uncertainty and rising living costs. There is insufficient justification for this increase, and no clear evidence that the additional tax revenue would result in improved services for our area. Residents should not be expected to subsidise town infrastructure or services that do not directly serve our community.
Many residents I'm sure feel that the consultation process has been poorly communicated and inadequately inclusive. A change of this*

magnitude requires thorough engagement, clear evidence of benefit, and genuine consideration of alternative views.

There is no compelling case that inclusion within the town boundary would improve service delivery, infrastructure, or quality of life for our residents.

This proposal sets a concerning precedent for future boundary changes that could further erode what was a semi-rural community which will heavily be impacted by the new approved local housing developments.

I respectfully urge the council to reconsider this recommendation and retain our current parish boundaries. Any governance changes should be based on clear community benefit, which this does not offer and increases our council tax with no clear indication why these costs would increase? A detailed breakdown of the proposed tax increase and a transparent account of how our community would benefit from the change should be provided as a minimum, which it hasn't.

- We have lived in our property for 24 years and are quite happy being part of the Kewstoke community. The area between the proposed new developments and Kewstoke village centre will be developed over the coming years, forming a housing estate from Worle continuously through to Kewstoke. If you intend to change the boundary each time there is a new development, this will be an incredible waste of time, money and effort. So, leave the boundary as current and let Kewstoke increase in size over the years naturally.*
- Concerns over the thousands of new properties being built in Weston-super-Mare area and the huge increase in council tax being paid to North Somerset Council why there always appear to be less info on total paid from 2017 to 2025 and who makes spend decisions.*
- I do not see why residents should pay an extra £79-90 to live in the same place. It would severely disadvantage the residents of Kewstoke Village if they had 14.9% less money available for the parish council.*
- "I oppose this decision as I am one of the residents who would be impacted by this decision. When I purchased my home the matter of being in Kewstoke was one of the selling points. This decision of removing properties from the Kewstoke boundary could have negative implications on the value of my property. In which I would have to seek legal advice for potential legal action against the council to recover the value lost if this decision moves forward. I wished to live in Kewstoke which is part of the reason why I brought this property, if I wished to live in the Weston district I would of purchased my property within the Weston district. I also find that the consequences of having my council tax increased unjust, this too could have an impact upon the value of my home and negatively impacts my income. The fields that the new proposed boundary would sit behind are well known to wanting to be built on by the council. But there has been much opposition from Kewstoke residents, it could be suggested that this move of boundary would remove these comments from residents who live in Kewstoke, as well as preventing them from potentially commenting further. Meaning there is less opposition to the build which could be influencing this decision, which is not of the benefit to the current residents"*
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- *"I am writing to formally object to the proposed changes to the parish boundaries that would result in my property being moved from Kewstoke Parish into Weston-super-Mare.*

I am strongly opposed to this proposal for the following reasons:

Impact on Property Value

One of the key reasons I purchased my home in Kewstoke was the village's distinct identity, character, and community atmosphere. Becoming part of Weston-super-Mare would, in my opinion, diminish that village association and may have a negative effect on my property value, as Kewstoke carries a different reputation and desirability compared to an urban area.

Potential Increase in Council Tax

It is likely that council tax under Weston-super-Mare Town Council would be higher than the current rate within Kewstoke Parish. This would place an unfair additional financial burden on residents who have chosen to live within a smaller parish community.

Loss of Community Identity

I deliberately moved to Kewstoke because I value being part of a small, close-knit village community. The proposed boundary change undermines that choice and risks eroding the local identity, representation, and services that reflect Kewstoke's unique character. In summary, I believe the proposed boundary alteration offers no tangible benefit to affected residents and would instead result in financial disadvantage and loss of community identity. I therefore respectfully request that North Somerset Council reject this proposal and retain the current parish boundaries."

- *Please listen to the residents and do not change the boundary.*
- *Keep Kewstoke Parish the same, it's important to its residents.*
- *The map provided appears to show the Anson Road properties within the Kewstoke Parish, as they currently are - i cannot support any proposed change without it being clear exactly which addresses are affected. Also, what does the proposed reduction in Parish precept mean in real terms, a percentage figure is not helpful.*
- *"When I bought my house I wanted to live within Kewstoke. House prices were higher as a result of being in this parish. I like adding this to my address and it has made a difference even when applying for jobs. Weston Super Mare can have biased views against it - whereas Kewstoke connotes a smaller , more lucrative community - whether or not that is the reality. I believe altering the boundary would negatively affect the property value and ability to sell. Furthermore being included in Kewstoke , with the Church , the village Hall and local Community events is a statue quo I would be very opposed to losing."*

- *This serves no purpose other than increasing revenue for the council, if the boundary is moved it should not be at the cost of the people who are affected. We will see a decrease in the value of our properties and an increase in our council tax for no substantive gain. We have lived in Kewstoke for 50 years and do not wish to be moved.*
- *These properties were built in 1979/80 and are NOT recently completed developments that have spilled over parish boundary lines, as stated in the rationale for recommendation 6.1 of the Community Governance Review. They have been around for 45 plus years and no Review has put forward any change or reason before to realign the boundary. This is a ruse to increase council tax! My address is Kewstoke and I want it to remain so, and my fellow neighbours agree. I have many legal documents that include Kewstoke in the address which would, at great expense, require updating: typically, house deeds, passports, wills, numerous insurance policies, websites and not to mention all friends and relations. I trust North Somerset will be prepared to pay for these legal requirements!*
- *"On of the reasons on buying our house was the Kewstoke address.
We will have a financial impact not only in the increasing tax but also our property value"*
- *"The properties referred to in the proposal are not recent builds and have been in the Parish of Kewstoke for 45 plus years. There have been previous reviews to move boundaries for administrative purposes and that these have been successfully resisted by weight of residents & Parish Council opposition. The situation and opposition from residents remains unchanged.
It is the Parish Council's belief that the administrative and financial burdens that will be put upon residents, young and old, resulting from these proposals is deeply unfair.
Recent house buyers, purchasing what they believed were properties in Kewstoke, will lose out both financially and the subsequent loss of status as they believed they would be belonging to a small village community. How can it be considered that this is improving community engagement with better local democracy?"*
- *I strongly state that I do not support this change. I chose Kewstoke as my place of residence and wish to remain in Kewstoke. I do not consider this a positive change for my residential area, I worry that my house price will decrease and of course my council charges will increase. I further worry that this is a divisive move to gain permission for future housing developments in the area defined, my area.
NO!*
- *"Being resident in Kewstoke for 44 years and taking an interest in the community by attending various parish meetings over the years. The increase in council tax with no obvious benefits to us and the burden this will impose on our finances."*
- *I strongly object to this proposal to change my address from Kewstoke to W-S-M. I have enjoyed being a part of Kewstoke for over 20 years, including being eligible to rent an allotment within Kewstoke. I believe such a change will have a negative impact on house prices in my neighbourhood, which will already be impacted by the building of so many new houses in the area and this is just an excuse to get permission to build more and more!*
- *"This would impact not only myself but also Kewstoke parish negatively.
-- Lead to a potential council tax precept decrease of -14.9% for Kewstoke Parish Council and an increase of 0.4% for Weston-super-Mare Town Council.
This is awful 14.9% is a dramatic loss for the community especially when compared to only a 0.4% gain for Weston council.
-- Result in an estimated council tax increase of £79.90 (Band D) for affected residents.
This money increase is not something we have budgeted for.*

First you add in extra houses we didn't want and now you're charging us more for it?!"

- *"Higher council tax.*

Any change will reduce the value of my property.

I bought my property because it is in Kewstoke."

- *I have just moved to the area because I wanted to live in Kewstoke. This change would mean my council tax would go up. It seems to me like a way for the council to simply make more money, especially with the new houses being built. I am really unhappy about this proposal.*

- *"To preserve the integrity and viability of the parish.*

The proposed benefits to my household which is one affected by the changes are non-existent and come with a personal cost.

The Parish precept is adversely affected."

- *"Myself and my wife thoroughly object to the draft recommendation suggesting this boundary change for a number of reasons, both personal and also with thoughts of the wider community that these changes would affect.*

1. The increase in council tax that this change would incur is totally unreasonable on the affected residents. For us, we would need to find an extra £97.66 based on 2025/26 and in addition, there will clearly be a further increase when the 2026/7 bills are announced next year. The cost of living issues we are facing currently is bad enough but to have a further increase imposed on you is totally unjustified and irresponsible - I feel that the timing of this recommendation is extremely poor and without any consideration whatsoever for the residents involved. I think the council should re-think the review and if you are going to put a review in place that potentially will have a significant financial effect on people then do this at a time in the future when financial current hardships have eased. If you are going to press ahead with this, then perhaps a credit to the value of the increase of council tax would be appropriate for residents to use on additional services, such as green waste collection.

2. Living in Blake End for the past 17 years, we have felt a part of the wider Kewstoke community, have used local businesses and have enjoyed social events - having a Kewstoke postcode was one of the reasons we moved to our property in the first place. I feel that the change would negatively effect community life for the residents affected - we will definitely lose connection to the community we have enjoyed being a part of over the last 17 years.

3. In addition to the residential developments that have been approved in close proximity to our property, with losing the connection to Kewstoke as well, our property value will decrease - again through no fault of our own but from the decisions the council has made. Again, this is totally unfair on us and all residents affected.

I will be also voicing my concerns and objections to our MP and I trust that you will take all the points above into consideration."

- *I do not consent to my residence being changed from kewstoke to wsm and i do not consent to my council tax being increased as a result. Other than a cash grab from the council i do not see any advantage to this proposal.*

I like being kewstoke, when I moved here in 1998 it is nice being I in Kewstoke and do not want to move boundary it seems like Weston council want to increase the level of people I don't want to change, I it was kewstoke when I moved here and that's what it should stay, how can you do this after so many. year's by sitting in your office desk and draw a line to change us

- *NA*

- *"I am bemused as I was told at the passing of planning for houses at Anson Road we were not in the boundary area of Kewstoke, but this indicates that we were and that planning permission should not have occurred. If this is the case and Anson Road and my road Hawke Road are in Kewstoke why was it deemed that planning was passed as the council planners stated it was in Weston-super-Mare. I would like this to be looked into at a higher level please and an explanation given. This seems to be a farse as the planning was awarded stating it was Weston-super-Mare, I will be contacting my MP and asking him to investigate. In addition, this is a historical site and it should remain as Kewstoke. My parish boundary has changed and I no longer am part of St Pauls church Kewstoke parish my church, this has deeply affected me as this has been my church all my life. Also, I feel very much part of Kewstoke and not Weston-super-Mare, and still wish my council tax to go to Kewstoke Parish."*
- *"I am bemused as to why planning permission was given on the proviso that the houses proposed off Anson Road were in the Weston-super-Mare dustruct, thus consultation suggests it remains in Kewstoke in which case it should never have been passed. It apoears this is a cover up to the truth. I will be taking this up with my MP and also to the governments planning committee. In addition Kewstoke parish proposed changes mean that I will and am no longer part of st Pauls parish, which upsets me deeply and does not feel good for my sense of belonging. Why change historical things to benefit Weston-super-Mare and disadvantage Kewstoke, I chose to live here as it is in Kewstoke and my links to the parish on personal and religious grounds."*
- *We have lived in our property for 24 years and are quite happy being part of the Kewstoke community. The area between the proposed new developments and Kewstoke village centre will be developed over the coming years, forming a housing estate from Worle continuously through to Kewstoke. If you intend to change the boundary each time there is a new development, this will be an incredible waste of time, money and effort. So leave the boundary as current and let Kewstoke increase in size over the years naturally.*
- *"If it's in the Kewstoke ward currently, leave it there. Why are you trying to change it. Why should the tax go up for wsm because of this decision."*
- *We have lived in Kewstoke for more than 40 years and all our children went to the local Kewstoke village school. I have always felt part of Kewstoke. I see no reason to pay more council tax for no additional benefit - just a change to address. As pensioners on a fixed income any increase is always a concern.*
- *These houses should not be moved into WSM boundary, I believe it is a money making mission disguised as something else. Worlebury is in WSM and not Kewstoke. These boundaries should not be changed*
- *I don't trust the motives for this and can't see who is good for except those wanting an easier way to sell off land and stuff this beautiful natural area of beauty and tourist magnet with more housing, putting even more strain on the local infrastructure that is already over burdened*
- *We purchased our home 20yrs ago, part of the major attraction was being part of the Kewstoke community, schooling and banding for council Tax. I believe changing to WSM will change this overall attraction, reduce our house value and increase our costs when all costs are getting higher.*

- *I do not understand the benefits of these proposals, I am totally opposed to the planning applications submitted to build residential homes adjacent to Anson Road and now Lyefield Road/Collum Lane - which is going to have a massive impact on the local home owners. This is a quiet secluded area that has already had additional homes built adjacent to Newtons Lane - Now plans have either been approved or are pending for much larger development, simply too much development for a quiet peaceful area. How many homes do you want to build? So much development within WSM already - the road infrastructure simply cannot cope - getting from A to B is ridiculous. As a resident of the affected area it is bad enough the quiet peaceful area is going to be ruined with more housing. Now adding insult to injury - the plan is to move the boundaries of certain properties, and that will immediately come at a cost because the Council Tax - will increase, very likely it will increase anyway by 5% so that is going to be even higher for the 106 homeowners affected-*

So the impact is intensified - nobody locally wants more housing and now the boundaries are changing its going to add to our housing costs - I doubt anyone is impressed, and what exactly are the benefits, what do the 106 homeowners gain from the changes ? Will the waste disposal improve - will our rubbish go back to being collected weekly again - or will we stay with the current system and continue to encourage rat infestation!

I do not agree with it - cannot see any benefit to those home owners residing in the area, all of whom contribute toward the upkeep of the area - maintaining a decent community spirit, minimizing the risk of crime- Now it seems we will pay an additional price for being decent residents - totally appalled by the proposals and those making the decisions.

- *I have lived in Kewstoke since 1985 and have no wish to moved into Weston, I certainly do not want to pay more money for the privilege. What do I get for the extra £80.*
- *I object to moving the boundary as it only stems from the planning permission given to build 140 new houses in Kewstoke and now you want to move the boundary to get these houses into Weston.*
- *I would like our property to stay in Kewstoke as it has for generations ,being part of a village is one of the reasons we live here ,after speaking to a local Kewstoke councillor ,he greatly opposed the move to the Weston boundary ,also the prospect of the council tax going up significantly will affect a lot of people in our area .*
- *We bought our house as the location and idea of belonging to a village was key. The timing of this change is too convenient to include the fields, the council wish to build on, clearly the council want to push the planning through without Kewstoke parish council supporting the residents who oppose to these plans. To move the boundaries and increase our council tax is extremely bad taste, it is a another financial gain for the council.*

Also not to be informed during the initial consultation is unacceptable and proves residents views are not considered to be important.

- *This would cut the estate which is clearly in Kewstoke in half for no reason. I have been a resident of the Kewstoke Parish for over a decade and strongly object to being removed from my Parish.*
- *I assume the people behind this are not affected as usual.*
- *Further to your recent letter regarding the proposed change of my address to Weston-super-Mare, I would like to formally object to this proposal.*

I have always lived in Kewstoke, and one of the main reasons I purchased my property was because it falls within the Kewstoke boundary. This designation is important to me not only for community and identity reasons but also because it affects the value and

perception of my property.

I am an active member of the local community and remain in regular contact with Kewstoke councillors, meeting monthly to assist with local matters wherever possible. I also previously objected to the new housing development being built nearby, as it impacts local wildlife and the natural beauty of the area.

It now appears that my address is being changed primarily to accommodate this new development opposite my property, which I find unfair and unnecessary. Notably, Manor Farm—which is located even further away from the development—will retain its Kewstoke address.

For these reasons, I strongly object to the proposed change and request that my address remain under Kewstoke.

- *Dear Sir/Madam,*

I am writing to formally object to the proposed boundary change that would move my address from Kewstoke to Weston-super-Mare.

I have been a resident of Kewstoke for 35 years, and it has been an honour and privilege to live in such a beautiful small village with a strong sense of community and heritage. Kewstoke's unique rural character and identity are what make it so special, and I am proud to be part of this parish.

I also strongly object to the recent housing development proposal for 145 houses opposite my home. This would result in the destruction of countryside and local wildlife habitats, changing the landscape and nature of our village beyond recognition.

To alter the boundary and reclassify our area as part of Weston-super-Mare appears to be an attempt to accommodate new developments rather than reflect the existing community boundaries and local identity. Such a change would erase part of Kewstoke's long-standing character and diminish the connection residents have with their parish.

I therefore strongly oppose the proposed boundary change and urge the council to retain the current Kewstoke boundary and preserve the integrity of our village community.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours faithfully,

Further comments

NONE

6.2: That the Weston-super-Mare boundary be extended to include a section of Hutton around Woodside which is an extension of Oldmixon

Total responses	521
Responses in favour of the recommendation	14
Responses opposing the recommendation	504
Responses indicating uncertainty	3

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *The Woodside development is of new housing and the residents are not involved in the village of Hutton. The Woodside development (and Oldmixon Road) seem to match better with the new area of build at Hayward.*
- *The rationale for Recommendation 6 requires a small edit*

- *This area is clearly part of the community of Oldmixon and remote from Hutton village. The council must stick with this change and not be diverted by snobbery or financial interests.*
- *The Woodside development is of new housing and the residents are not involved in the village of Hutton. The Woodside development (and Oldmixon Road) seem to match better with the new area of build at Hayward.*
- *But i do feel that the boundary line could be moved along Oldmixon road in line with the housing boundary beyond - taking the boundary down to Crystal autos seems a bit far especially when you consider the houses along the woods off the top of church lane are classed as Hutton, but i agree that woodside should be classed as Weston / oldmixon boundary*

Comments opposing the recommendation:

- *We purchased our house to be part of the Hutton Parish. This proposal doesn't make sense as Ten acres close is the only part of woodside that is affected. Our road is part of woodside and should remain as part of Hutton. It makes me wonder whether this is the start of North Somerset starting with us and then taking all the rest of woodside and then Hutton. We enjoy being part of the Hutton community as it is a small parish.*
- *We purchased our house in Ten acres close to be part of the Hutton community. It is a small parish and that is what attracted us to the area. The proposal for the boundary to be extended makes no sense as we are the only part of woodside affected by this proposal. Once North Somerset get hold of Ten acres they will continue to take the rest of the parish and this will affect the small community that has been built over many years. If North Somerset spent their money wisely there would be no need for them to start taking small parishes.*
- *I brought the property a couple of years ago, and part of the decision to purchase was based on it being part of Hutton Parish. I see no need to change the current boundary especially seeing as Manor Farm Crescent has been part of Hutton Parish for over 50 years.
The new Fox Glove Meadows does not warrant the boundary change.*
- *The precept is higher in Weston-super-Mare therefore council tax will increase. House value may be negatively impacted on. No sense of village community as Weston-super-Mare extends to Worle and is very large, at present you feel part of a village community and can have your say and be listened to.
There is likely to be an impact on school choices, doctors surgery, planning that you can access/have your say on etc. You may not be able to get married in Hutton parish church if you are living in the effected 406 properties.
I would like to know what exactly are the benefits of doing this. This will cost money as the council will need to amend databases etc.*
- *Being a resident of Woodside Avenue, 1 key selling point when purchasing our home was that it was situated within the parish council of Hutton. This holds sentimental value with us having a long history of family situated in Hutton. In addition it would negatively impact house prices in this area if the boundary is moved, as well as a financial impact for households by the increase in council tax. The argument that the recent developments have extended the boundary is not true. There is a very small number of properties which straddle the boundary (circa 20). Extending the Hutton boundary ever so slightly would have much less impact.*
- *I have lived in the Parish of Hutton for over 30 years. I have served on the Parish council previously and worked tirelessly to make sure that the residents of Woodside had a voice within the Parish of Hutton.
We have a lot of residents that get involved with activities that are situated within the village due to this link.*

Our house prices are as such because of our location and tie to the Village. This would significantly decrease the value of homes. The portion of our council tax goes to such things as helping to replace all the play equipment in the village and also community structures such as the village hall. We get a reduction on the hire of the buildings due to this. It is not fair to now try and remove us from the Parish, now that we have put so much into it.

We have Parish boards and dog poo bins that need regular maintenance and emptying, we also have Hutton in bloom who look after the Parish boundary stone and plants around it, along with the flower pots at the top of Woodside Avenue. It would be a shame for this to fall into disrepair. The Parish Council also supported residents greatly when the new build was being fought.

It has been suggested previously about residents moving from Hutton Parish to Weston and it was also rejected then too.

If anything, the boundary line should be moved to include the houses in Ten Acres to Hutton Parish.

- Surely if the boundary needs to be moved, it would make more sense to move it to include the small amount of houses currently outside of the parish of Hutton?
- A council tax rise will not see any improvement of service. In fact probably the opposite. The Hutton Parish is well run. The Weston one is not.

2. Potential deduction in house prices. Will residents be compensated from any fall in market value?

3. I cannot see any value in changing this.

- This will drop the value of our properties whilst increasing our already crippling council tax - no thanks!
- Completely against this proposal. This seems like no one here gains but Weston parish. 30% decrease would affect the rest of the village massively. While it only increases Westons by 1% which is negligible.

For those who live in the Woodside would have their council tax increase and potentially the value of their homes reduced with this change.

Also Weston don't take anywhere near as much care of the appearance of their parish like Hutton do with their plant pots on the corners of pavements that give it a welcoming feel.

Can you explain to me how this benefits the people this will be affecting? Let's start with the people who are already apart of Weston parish?

Now can you explain how this benefits the village of Hutton itself?

And finally can you please give me the benefits of the people who live in the Woodside?

All I see is negative impacts in an already difficult time with the cost of living.

Thank you.

- I oppose to this as I live in Hutton Village, How does this impact me as living in the village, a 30% loss is a lot and I can't imagine losing that much will benefit us.

We all take pride in our village, and look after it within the community however we still need the funds. Especially now that Haywood village is within walking distance so more people will be visiting the village which also brings more maintenance to keep it clean, tidy and look lovely.

- I believe that this is just a way of finding more money for budgets, without a thought for the people of Woodside or myself and family in Hutton. All homeowners will end up with increased bills, which in times of high food and energy bills is not acceptable.

- *This would be a terrible decision for the Parish of Hutton.
The loss of nearly a third of its finances and parishioners.
Hutton is a small Parish and community and this would have a terrible effect on the way the parish is run and its finance's.*
- *I STRONGLY object. The argument, it seems, is based purely on the fact that the new housing development at the eastern end of Woodside Avenue now straddles the existing parish boundary. The 'answer' provided from a Weston perspective is to swallow up the estate into Weston. If the 'problem' is that the new development straddles the boundary line, surely its obvious answer is that the boundary line could be moved from its present line following a drain, a couple of hundred metres westward to follow the eastern edge of Oldmixon Industrial Estate. In doing so, the only changes to current electoral numbers would be an additional 25 or so properties in Ten Acre Close.
The current proposal is nothing more than a money grabbing exercise by the Weston Council to expand by stealth. The personal effects on the residents of Woodside on a financial side are immense. Not only an increase in council tax (sadly a shadow of the services once provided) but a reduced value of their houses by being classed as 'Weston' rather than to more appealing 'Hutton'*
- *First of all, who decided Woodside was an extension of Oldmixon? It was built in the parish of Hutton and so it's Hutton not Oldmixon. This needs to be made very clear. I feel this clause has been inserted to give the impression that Woodside belonged as part of Weston in the first place. If so, it should have been done there and then. Now is too late. IT'S HUTTON!!*
 - 2. I moved here in 2022 purchasing my property as it is in a nice area and was in the desirable parish of Hutton. Oldmixon is not so appealing and I'm sure the change will reduce the appeal to the area.*
 - 3. As a result of the above, the value of our properties will almost certainly decrease reducing our equity. Will we be compensated for this?*
 - 4. I have calculated that for the "privilege" of a new address being forced upon us, we are going to be asked to pay higher Council tax due to the higher Precept Weston Super Mare demands. Currently £23.36 pa. Will we be compensated or given an exception for this increase?*
 - 5. I have also calculated that Hutton Parish will lose just over £57,000 of funding from lost precepts, whilst Weston will gain £66,576. So, is this all about shuffling funds from area to area? I'd be interested to see the total increase in revenue that Weston would get if all these proposed boundary line moves were approved.*
 - 6. We enjoy the flowers that Hutton are fabulously famous for. I feel that adjusting the boundaries will stop the good work being done on the entrance to Woodside due to not being in the parish and also lack of funding mentioned in point 5. There is also concern over who will be responsible for emptying the dog waste bins and the frequency of this service.*
 - 7. I feel it rather suspicious that, with the Birnbeck pier funding falling short of £6M recently, that there should be such a large amount of proposed boundary movement which could over the next few years, recover that shortfall. Or am I being too cynical?*
 - 8. What does it matter that residential areas straddle the boundary between Weston-Super-Mare and neighbouring parishes.? I lived for 30 years in Bristol where residential areas all over the city straddle such boundaries. It hasn't bothered them. It is what it is so leave it alone.*
- *I live in one of the affected properties on Woodside. Although on the edge of Hutton I still feel part of the village. My children went to Hutton school and my grand child is currently in Yr 3 at Hutton school. We feel part of the Hutton village area and want it to remain as*

*so. There is a real pride in being part of Hutton and it would not feel the same being part of Weston or Oldmixon.
Please leave the boundaries as they are. Thank You.*

- I have lived in the parish of Hutton for most of my life, I love being part of the village and no way do I want to be part of Weston. I can't see any reason why you would include Woodside into the Weston boundary?
I appreciate that there are now more houses and I feel that they should become part of Weston. But changing boundaries of small villages like Hutton will mean parishioners will no longer exist let alone a village.
If I have a problem I feel that I can approach my parish council which is easy to do, I don't think that would be the case if you moved our boundaries to a larger community.
Please keep Woodside in the parish as it's always been for as long as I can remember*
- Would like to remain as part of Hutton. Nothing needs to change*
- What other reason could there be for this antiquated idea, other than village snobbery?
The parish line lies where it has done for centuries I'm guessing?
It is of no import that the houses which have been built within the parish boundary seemingly fit in better' or are more aligned with the Oldmixon.
There is enough decision within this country as it is. We here in Woodside like the fact that we are part of Hutton, it feels like a community, we share the park, the public footpaths, the village hall, the garden centre, the pub, the church, the fireworks, the scout hut... need I go on?!*
- If this proposed change goes ahead I think it will speak a terrible amount to the attitude of the people and councillors in the older homes, and their views of the desperately needed new homes which have been built WITHIN THE PARISH BOUNDARY.*
- When I purchased my house, one of the deciding factors was that it was in Hutton and not WSM. I like Hutton and wish to remain part of it and not be swallowed up by Weston-super-Mare. If you wish to include the new builds, that's one thing but please don't include the old builds of Walsh Close and Manor Farm Crescent etc.*
- First and foremost our homes have been marketed as Hutton Parish for many years, the new recent build was marketed and sold as Hutton parish which, whether we likening or not contributed to a higher price tag. We have always contributed to the Village, being involved in local fundraising and activities. We have been "Part" of the village for many years, and wish to continue to be. Our dog waste bins are emptied by the parish, we have parish boards, flower pots and the borders around the parish stone, all maintained by Hutton Parish. We have a connection to Hutton Church which is obviously local to us and the local school. I feel this is just a way of taking our parish contribution (from our council tax) and redistributing it to an area we have no connection to at all. This would be at the detriment to Hutton as they would be losing our contributions. Our parish contributions have paid towards things like the Des Phippen field which we enjoy during the summer months, and the village hall which we use at a reduced rate because we are in the parish. This would obviously be lost if we were outside of the parish.
I hope there will be a way our elderly non Internet using residents will be informed of potential change, as this will affect their financial outgoings. To sum up. I lived in Hutton Village for Many years and moved to Woodside 35 years ago. I would like to strongly oppose moving the parish boundary as I feel this is unnecessary and the whole community would suffer*

- *The houses in Oldmixon Road are completely isolated from the Woodside and the recently added Foxglove meadows developments. For this reason they should not be included in the proposed boundary re alignment and should remain as part of Hutton. To include Oldmixon Road in a boundary realignment by adding it to Oldmixon would reduce my property market value and increase my home/car insurance.*
- *I find it unacceptable that our council tax will increase by £40 per month due to the changes. We also purchased the property with the appeal of being in the Hutton bracket and would not have purchased if this property was classed as old mixon/weston-supe-mare.*
- *We have lived in the Hutton village all our lives and are keen to continue , receiving the village parish community support and lifestyle. We are proud to support Huttons community projects .*
- *Why should we be affected by paying more council tax for a change that doesn't benefit us*
- *We would like our home to remain to be part of Hutton. Not only does this increase council tax this also would affect our address being part of Hutton. The house prices will be affected and this is not acceptable*
- *I do not see why i should have to accept increased council tax. We've already seen large increases in council tax and now on top of that another increase will happen if the boundary is moved.*
- *By all means increase the Weston-super-Mare boundary to include all the new housing but please leave us existing residents as part of Hutton. We live on Walsh Close and consider ourselves as Hutton residents and wish to remain that way.*
- *The current Parish is correctly supported and activities such as parish yideness and rubbish bin emptying is carried out at good intervals. I cannot see Weston Town Council carrying on with these activities as they cant cope with their current duties at the moment. Plus my Council Tax will be going up this will result in my being required to support the miss-management of money by Weston Town Council. The precept reduction for Hutton will result in the loss of support to the residents by the Parsih Council.*
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- I do not want an increase in council tax.
I do not want to become part of Oldmixon and the decrease in value of our properties
Leave things alone and let us get on with our lives
- I moved from Dorset village and moved here to be part of another village and Hutton gives me this opportunity to enjoy the village life. I do not feel there is a need to change things as I do not feel there will be any advantages for residents. This will reduce any value in my property which is not acceptable and I do not wish to have a rise in my council tax. I wanted to retire with no risks to my health and mental health and the stress that this change is causing me. I am 69 and do not need this change.
- Hutton is a small village with excellent community spirit. This would be lost if we are added to the already large area covering WsM. It will become a no man's land of disunited households. There are events through the year held in community grounds for the villagers and this brings the community together as many residents give up time to help arrange and organise events for the pleasure of Hutton residents. It would be a terrible mistake to break up such an inspiring village.
- When we moved to Woodside, we were told that the land used for the new build houses was green belt and nothing could be built on it. This has now changed, so feel it is unfair that this has now happened and a potential rise in council tax may also occur. As we have had involvement with Hutton and the community over the years, we wish for this to remain.
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Being reassigned to Weston-Super-Mare may negatively affect the market value of my home. Properties in Hutton are valued for their location, local services, and community reputation. Removing my property from this area could reduce its desirability, directly impacting its value.
 3. *Community and Local Services*
I have been a resident of Hutton for several years, and my household is deeply integrated into the local community. This includes reliance on schools, local amenities, and social networks. Changing parish boundaries would disrupt these established connections, adversely affecting both my household and the broader community.
 4. *Precedent and Consultation*
It is essential that boundary changes consider the views of affected residents. I respectfully request that the council take into account the concerns of those directly impacted before implementing such changes.
For these reasons, I strongly urge the council to reconsider the proposed parish boundary change and maintain my property within Hutton.
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- *Council Tax Increase for those moving out of the parish and those remaining.*
Lost of specific unique autonomy of being in a village community leading to centralised decision making from community and parish.

Town council focus broader onto other concerns that don't affect the village of Hutton.

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- *Having looked at all the information, there is no clear advantage for the residents in this proposal so I am against it*
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I do not wish to be part of the oldmixon as this will negatively impact my house price.
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- *Objections are:*
 1. *Our council tax will increase.*
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 3. *INCREASE our house and car insurance, as we are now classed as Oldmixon, that has a higher crime rate.*
 4. *Lose our community attachment to Hutton.*
 5. *It will enable the house building on the airfield to connect to Woodside, losing our parish boundary, thus making it one massive housing estate.*
 6. *Hutton will struggle to maintain itself with the loss of 406 properties paying towards it Council tax.*
- *Our council tax will increase, our house value will decrease, car insurance will increase, it will enable the runaway to join us which will be one huge estate so losing our village status.*
- *Weston-super-Mare has already encroached on Hutton and surrounding villages in the past, and further expansion of Weston-super-Mare may well result in the village of Hutton being completely eradicated in time, irreparably altering the culture and sense of community within the village. If anything, the properties that straddle the boundary within the Foxglove Meadow estate should have been included in Hutton originally.*
- *It makes no sense to move Woodside into an area with Oldmixon. It will affect house prices in Woodside and Oldmixon Road, Hutton. As houses will no longer be in the village of Hutton less home buyers will view these properties, and the difference in value of homes in Hutton and those in Haywood or Oldmixon can be compared online. Looking at insurance for homes and cars these will greatly increase for these residents who have been pushed out of the village of Hutton. By changing the boundaries some people will lose thousands of pounds in house values.*
- *I beleive that the boundaries should not be changed as i feel strongly that we belong to a village community which will alter with these changes.*
- *There doesn't appear to be any good reason for this change - our houses remain in the same physical place, we won't receive any improvement in council services and yet we're expected to pay more council tax - for literally nothing! The proposed change would have no benefit for the residents whatsoever. In fact, it disadvantages us because the council would be charging us more money for absolutely nothing in return.*

- *Woodside is part of Hutton village and the residents are part of the Hutton Community. Being outside of the village would be detrimental to them, many Woodside residents have served on the Hutton Parish Council, they have village discount on the use of the village hall. Adults and children alike are proud to play football for Hutton. We do not want our village torn apart- we are a close knit community. We need to remain as a village.*
- *Any boundary change will be detrimental to house values , insurance premiums .anything that takes away the spending power of people will affect local Business.*
- *I am a Woodside resident, we moved to the area around two years ago. I feel incredibly proud to be part of the Hutton parish, and along with my family regularly partake in events and activities arranged in the area. This has enabled us to feel included in a wider community that we have always felt welcome and privileged to be a part of. I wholeheartedly disapprove of the new plans from a community perspective. Woodside is a respectable and well maintained area which feels more in keeping with the Hutton parish. There will undoubtedly be connotations attributed to the area if it were to become an extension to the Oldmixon which could impact house prices and popularity. In addition, with the recent increase in council tax I cannot condone a further increase when we will not benefit from any additional service (many of which have already been stretched/reduced).*
- *We have been residents of the Parish of Hutton for thirty years, we have resisted the development of new properties at the end of Woodside Avenue - why should we now be told that you want to change the boundaries of Woodside because the council have over developed and be penalised through council tax, if you have over allocated houses in the Parish of Hutton? It is utter contempt of your residents, and if this goes through, then we shall have no confidence in any of you.*
- *As a resident in the parish of Hutton for the past 24 years I want to remain as a resident in the community of Hutton because I feel that becoming part of Weston-super-Mare will devalue Hutton village as a community and have a negative financial effect on our properties, council tax and insurance policies etc.
Furthermore as a parent and grandparent I have grave concerns regarding Hutton primary school and the impact this will have on school places and funding if the boundary is moved.*
- *I purchased my house in Hutton, I do not want it rebranded as WSM. The Knock on effects of this change are not right.*
- *I do not agree with the change of boundaries and feel Woodside should remain as part of Hutton parish. My reasons for this is that I feel it will have no benefit to me or others in this area. Firstly it will mean an increase in council tax for us, valuations of the home I feel will be impacted as a result, insurance is likely to be effected as crime rates based on Weston are more likely to be higher. We brought this home with the fact it was part of Hutton, this is how others will see this area too at present. The area is maintained well by being within Hutton, I do not feel this will have the same outcome if moved out of Hutton parish's boundary. This also will have no doubt an impact on Hutton parish too with the loss of funding of these houses are removed which could cause financial strain on them too.*
- *I don't see the actual benefit of this move to the residences of Woodside and believe it an unnecessary action. I like being part of the Hutton village and it gives me a sense of a village community. Which is import to peoples mental health. Also being on a low income, the increase of council tax will bear a big impact on my finances and are already taking a big hit with the cost of living crisis. This would also affect my neighbours who are also in this position. This would seriously impact my mental health due to the extra financial cost and lack of community from Hutton Village.*

- *I strongly disagree with the boundary of Weston super mare be extended. It SHOULD remain the same.*
- *Negative Financial impact*
Loss of local autonomy
Potential for centralisation
Loss of community events & facilities
Reduced empowerment & community identity
Loss of association with the parish of Hutton.
- *As residents in Hutton Parish for nearly 25 years we will all be affected in several ways and these are all of equal value:*
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**higher house insurance*
**higher car insurance*
**higher Council Tax for the residents that would remain in Hutton as less houses for the precept and higher Council Tax for those that become part of Weston.*
**not part of the village life that we moved here for*
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**Could also mean people have to change medical practices*
Please do not change the boundary to move our home into Weston.
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- *I love being part of the parish of Hutton been in current house on the Woodside estate for 42 plus years I don't think we should move all the things the parish do like flower tubs just to name one would all go and they make the entrance into the estate beautiful in the summer*
- *I'm not happy with the idea of moving the boundary as it would be more financial stress due to council tax increase and would losing being part of the parish Council and their local events*
- *It's does not need to change, having this change will affect 100s of people monthly bills and only benefit the council. The parish needs the houses within the current boundary to stay a float. I bought my house in Hutton and that's where I would like to stay!!!*
- *I am happy to remain in the Hutton parish as it has a small community feel to it. We don't want to be a sideline to Oldmixon.*
- *There are no benefits to the Parish of Hutton or the residents of the 406 houses impacted by this draft recommendation, by extending Weston-super-Mare's boundary. It would make far more sense to place those houses that currently straddle the boundary, into the Parish of Hutton, of which I believe there are only 10 or so properties that fall into this position. In addition to contributing towards increased costs to those 406 households through a rise in council tax banding, it may also lead to a negative impact on the potential value of those properties. It may also increase their insurance costs by being associated with WsM as opposed to the Parish of Hutton.*

It will have a negative impact on the precept of Hutton Parish Council at a time when services and funding are already stretched. It will also have a negative impact upon the local community by breaking up the social connections that Woodside has with Hutton and diminishing distinct community identities.

- We live in Hutton and this directly affects us. Our prices will be increased for taxes and reduced for sale value. Not ideal.*
- A lot of residents bought their houses on Woodside with the knowledge that they were going to be part of the village & parish of Hutton. This move would negatively affect us as residents, it would also negatively affect the village. It would increase our council tax, house insurance, & car insurance. It would possibly affect house prices! For these reasons we are firmly against this proposal being approved*
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- I STRONGLY object. The arguement, it seems, is based purely on the fact that the new housing developement at the eastern end of Woodside Avenue now straddles the existing parish boundary. The 'answer'provided from a Weston perspective is to swallow up the estate into Weston. If the 'problem' is that the new development straddles the boundary line, surely its obvious answer is that the boundary line could be moved from its present line following a drain, a couple of hundred meteres westward to follow the eastern edge of Oldmixon Industrial Estate. In doing so, the only changes to current electoral numbers would be an additional 25 or so properties in Ten Acre Close. The current proposal is nothing more than a money grabbing exercise by the Weston Council to expand by stealth. The personnal effects on the residents of Woodside on a financial side are immense. Not only an increase in council tax (sadly a shadow of the services once provided) but a reduced value of their houses by being classed as 'Weston' rather than to more appealing 'Hutton'*
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- *as a resident of woodside avenue, what will be the benefit. For example currently I am paying maintenance charges to private company(ground solutions). My question is if our area merge to weston-super-mare area then should I have to pay this maintenance charges.*

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- *Dear whomever this may concern I am emailing you today as I wish to register my strong objection to the proposed change to the parish boundary that would move the Woodside area from Hutton Parish to Weston-super-Mare.*

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The proposed change would result in an estimated increase of £23.36 per year (Band D) in council tax. This is an unfair additional cost for residents who have chosen to live in Hutton Parish, particularly during a time when the cost of living continues to rise. Residents should not be financially penalised for administrative boundary changes beyond their control.

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The consultation materials do not outline any tangible benefit for residents affected by this change. Instead, it appears the proposal is primarily driven by administrative tidiness rather than community need. The small increase in Weston's electorate and decrease in Hutton's electorate offers no improvement in services, representation, or quality of life for residents.

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- *"It is dividing a community that is active and supportive. We have volunteers who pick litter and do planting, keeping the village attractive and clean, we have been a Britain in Bloom winner previously, this will stop. Is North Somerset Council going to provide litter clearing and planting? I think not! The village pulls people together with regular events throughout the year, is the council going to do this, no they won't I'm sure.
The council will however get more money from the residents and I am sure the main reason is finance. The council finances are not great and this is a way to top them up. Planning applications have been submitted Will the actual plan submitted come to fruition or will it take a turn, ie the proposed footpath behind Woodside to the new build on Woodside will this just turn into more planning for houses? I do not trust the council."*
- *"I wish to express my serious concerns regarding the potential financial, social, and community impacts of this proposal.*
Financial and Council Tax Impact
The proposed boundary change would result in a significant increase in my council tax. For residents like myself, this would constitute an additional financial burden that is both unexpected and disproportionate.
Impact on Property Value
Being reassigned to Weston-Super-Mare may negatively affect the market value of my home. Properties in Hutton are valued for their location, local services, and community reputation. Removing my property from this area could reduce its desirability, directly impacting its value.
Community and Local Services
I have been a resident of Hutton for several years, and my household is deeply integrated into the local community. This includes reliance on schools, local amenities, and social networks. Changing parish boundaries would disrupt these established connections, adversely affecting both my household and the broader community.
Precedent and Consultation
It is essential that boundary changes consider the views of affected residents. I respectfully request that the council take into account the concerns of those directly impacted before implementing such changes.
For these reasons, I strongly urge the council to reconsider the proposed parish boundary change and maintain my property within Hutton."
- *As part of a parish community, we will be removed and segregated. In addition, our council tax will rise for nothing more. We are well looked after by the parish community and do not deserve to be removed.*
- *We are residents of Woodside and purchased our property because we wanted to live in Hutton and have our children attended Hutton primary. If we move in to the Weston boundary our council tax will increase £30+ a month £360+ a year this is absolutely ridiculous for a move we don't not want to happen! Why should we be penalised by North Somerset council trying to build more houses in an already over crowded area*
- *"Council Tax Increase for those moving out of the parish and those remaining.*

*Lost of specific unique autonomy of being in a village community leading to centralised decision making from community and parish.
Town council focus broader onto other concerns that don't affect the village of Hutton.
Fewer opportunities of new social and economic interactions."*

- Having looked at all the information, there is no clear advantage for the residents in this proposal so I am against it*
- I'm not happy with the proposal as the value of the property will decrease significantly, and the price of insurance will rise.*
- I wish boundary to say the same. This will effect my house address and house prices, house and car insurance, loss of community events and facilities. And an increase in council tax.*
- "We've purchased on Woodside avenue to be in the parish of Hutton.
I do not wish to be part of the oldmixon as this will negatively impact my house price.*
- Why do we need to change boundaries, we already pay high council tax to be in the Hutton parish and being moved to Weston we are being told our council will increase and for what? You can't collect the bins as it is! so god knows why you think a council tax increase is going to be a good thing, when you can't even service the residents properly as it stands. We are happy as we are, stop messing with things just to get more money.... Greedy council!!*
- "Objections are:
Our council tax will increase.
Moving us out of Hutton and in to Weston-super-Mare will DECREASE the value of our houses.
INCREASE our house and car insurance, as we are now classed as Oldmixon, that has a higher crime rate.
Lose our community attachment to Hutton.
It will enable the house building on the airfield to connect to Woodside, losing our parish boundary, thus making it one massive housing estate.
Hutton will struggle to maintain itself with the loss of 406 properties paying towards it Council tax.*
- Our council tax will increase, our house value will decrease, car insurance will increase, it will enable the runway to join us which will be one huge estate so losing our village status.*
- Weston-super-Mare has already encroached on Hutton and surrounding villages in the past, and further expansion of Weston-super-Mare may well result in the village of Hutton being completely eradicated in time, irreparably altering the culture and sense of community within the village. If anything, the properties that straddle the boundary within the Foxglove Meadow estate should have been included in Hutton originally.*
- It makes no sense to move Woodside into an area with Oldmixon. It will affect house prices in Woodside and Oldmixon Road, Hutton. As houses will no longer be in the village of Hutton less home buyers will view these properties, and the difference in value of homes in Hutton and those in Haywood or Oldmixon can be compared online. Looking at insurance for homes and cars these will greatly increase for these residents who have been pushed out of the village of Hutton. By changing the boundaries some people will lose thousands of pounds in house values.*

- *I beleive that the boundaries should not be changed as i feel strongly that we belong to a village community which will alter with these changes .*
- *There doesn't appear to be any good reason for this change - our houses remain in the same physical place, we won't receive any improvement in council services and yet we're expected to pay more council tax - for literally nothing! The proposed change would have no benefit for the residents whatsoever. In fact, it disadvantages us because the council would be charging us more money for absolutely nothing in return.*
- *Woodside is part of Hutton village and the residents are part of the Hutton Community. Being outside of the village would be detrimental to them, many Woodside residents have served on the Hutton Parish Council, they have village discount on the use of the village hall. Adults and children alike are proud to play football for Hutton. We do not want our village torn apart- we are a close knit community. We need to remain as a village.*
- *"Any boundary change will be detrimental to house values , insurance premiums .anything that takes away the spending power of people will affect local Business."*
- *I am a Woodside resident, we moved to the area around two years ago. I feel incredibly proud to be part of the Hutton parish, and along with my family regularly partake in events and activities arranged in the area. This has enabled us to feel included in a wider community that we have always felt welcome and privileged to be a part of. I wholeheartedly disapprove of the new plans from a community perspective. Woodside is a respectable and well maintained area which feels more in keeping with the Hutton parish. There will undoubtedly be connotations attributed to the area if it were to become an extension to the Oldmixon which could impact house prices and popularity. In addition, with the recent increase in council tax I cannot condone a further increase when we will not benefit from any additional service (many of which have already been stretched/reduced).*
- *We have been residents of the Parish of Hutton for thirty years, we have resisted the development of new properties at the end of Woodside Avenue - why should we now be told that you want to change the boundaries of Woodside because the council have over developed and be penalised through council tax, if you have over allocated houses in the Parish of Hutton? It is utter contempt of your residents, and if this goes through, then we shall have no confidence in any of you.*
- *"As a resident in the parish of Hutton for the past 24 years I want to remain as a resident in the community of Hutton because I feel that becoming part of Weston-super-Mare will devalue Hutton village as a community and have a negative financial effect on our properties, council tax and insurance policies etc.
Furthermore as a parent and grandparent I have grave concerns regarding Hutton primary school and the impact this will have on school places and funding if the boundary is moved."*
- *I purchased my house in Hutton, I do not want it rebranded as WSM. The Knock on effects of this change are not right.*
- *I do not agree with the change of boundaries and feel Woodside should remain as part of Hutton parish. My reasons for this is that I feel it will have no benefit to me or others in this area. Firstly it will mean an increase in council tax for us, valuations of the home I feel will be impacted as a result, insurance is likely to be effected as crime rates based on Weston are more likely to be higher. We brought*

this home with the fact it was part of Hutton, this is how others will see this area too at present. The area is maintained well by being within Hutton, I do not feel this will have the same outcome if moved out of Hutton parish's boundary. This also will have no doubt an impact on Hutton parish too with the loss of funding of these houses are removed which could cause financial strain on them too.

- *I don't see the actual benefit of this move to the residences of Woodside and believe it an unnecessary action. I like being part of the Hutton village and it gives me a sense of a village community. Which is import to peoples mental health. Also being on a low income, the increase of council tax will bear a big impact on my finances and are already taking a big hit with the cost of living crisis. This would also affect my neighbours who are also in this position. This would seriously impact my mental health due to the extra financial cost and lack of community from Hutton Village.*
- *I strongly disagree with the boundary of Weston super mare be extended. It SHOULD remain the same.*
- *"Negative Financial impact
Loss of local autonomy
Potential for centralisation
Loss of comunity events & facilities
Reduced empowerment & community identity
Loss of association with the parish of Hutton."*
- *"As residents in Hutton Parish for nearly 25 years we will all be affected in several ways and these are all of equal value:
*house prices devaluing,
*higher house insurance
*higher car insurance
*higher Council Tax for the residents that would remain in Hutton as less houses for the precept and higher Council Tax for those that become part of Weston.
*not part of the village life that we moved here for
*we were married in St. Mary's Church in Hutton which would be more difficult if boundaries change.
*easier for planning decisions to be passed and more infill housing
*these changes would also have a negative mental health impact as people feel like they belong even if they love on the edges of the village in Woodside and Hamwood Close as they are part of a Parish that cares.
*Could also mean people have to change medical practices
Please do not change the boundary to move our home into Weston."*
- *"It is detrimental to those of Woodside area as council tax will increase, it could also affect property values and all people like to*
- *Be part of Hutton parish which is a great community. The boundaries should not be changed."*
- *I love being part of the parish of Hutton been in current house on the Woodside estate for 42 plus years I don't think we should move all the things the parish do like flower tubs just to name one would all go and they make the entrance into the estate beautiful in the summer*

- *BS24 9XJ*
- *I'm not happy with the idea of moving the boundary as it would be more financial stress due to council tax increase and would losing being part of the parish Council and their local events*
- *It's does not need to change, having this change will affect 100s of people monthly bills and only benefit the council. The parish needs the houses within the current boundary to stay a float. I bought my house in Hutton and that's where I would like to stay!!!*
- *I am happy to remain in the Hutton parish as it has a small community feel to it. We don't want to be a sideline to Oldmixon.*
- *There are no benefits to the Parish of Hutton or the residents of the 406 houses impacted by this draft recommendation, by extending Weston-super-Mare's boundary. It would make far more sense to place those houses that currently straddle the boundary, into the Parish of Hutton, of which I believe there are only 10 or so properties that fall into this position. In addition to contributing towards increased costs to those 406 households through a rise in council tax banding, it may also lead to a negative impact on the potential value of those properties. It may also increase their insurance costs by being associated with WsM as opposed to the Parish of Hutton. It will have a negative impact on the precept of Hutton Parish Council at a time when services and funding are already stretched. It will also have a negative impact upon the local community by breaking up the social connections that Woodside has with Hutton and diminishing distinct community identities.*
- *We live in Hutton and this directly affects us. Our prices will be increased for taxes and reduced for sale value. Not ideal.*
- *"A lot of residents bought their houses on Woodside with the knowledge that they were going to be part of the village & parish of Hutton.
This move would negatively affect us as residents, it would also negatively affect the village.
It would increase our council tax, house insurance, & car insurance.
It would possibly affect house prices!
For these reasons we are firmly against this proposal being approved"*
- *"I bought my house as I wished to be part of Hutton village. Not Weston Super Mare.
The negative effect of this change would impact me and the village.
Higher council tax, higher house and car insurance.
I don't feel this change would benefit me or my neighbours at all!
I therefore strongly appose this"*
- *"I have lived at Woodside for nearly 50 years. My children were encouraged to attend Hutton school following threats of closure and as a family we have been part of the Hutton community offering time for fundraising, neighbourhood watch etc. We have a sense of belonging and unity which in my opinion should not be put at risk.
I call into question the rationale of increasing the town centre area at the expense of the parish of Hutton, which I believe should remain unchanged"*
- *"My objections are :
My house price would decrease.*

My council tax payment would increase.

3. My insurances would increase.

I enjoy our village status and do not wish to be 'lost' within Weston-super-Mare super Mare"

- If changed: my car insurance will increase, council tax will increase and property value decrease. We will also lose our village autonomy by being diluted into weston ward. I'm very concerned that Haywood Village will meet up with us if we are taken from village status.*
- What advantage is it to the homeowners in Hutton to be moved into the Weston/ Oldmixon area? I can see disadvantages of lower property prices and higher car insurance. Furthermore homeowners purchased their homes in the knowledge they were living in the village of Hutton and not a suburb or Weston. It has been brought to my attention that the homeowners effected have not been advised of the changes. Following a meeting in Hutton on 5th October it was clear that residents affected didn't know of the changes and over 80 residents at that meeting were not in favour of the changes.*
- North Somerset Planners allowed the house to be built and be part of Hutton Parish so this is where they should stay! Listen to the residents, please.*
- "Our house has been part of Hutton since 1929
If the changes go ahead
Our address will change to Weston super mare instead of Hutton
This would
devalue our house
It would increase the costs of car and house insurance etc
Our council tax charges will increase but the Hutton precept would loose payment from over 409 homes .
There seems no good reason to change the boundary"*
- "As a small business all my stationary would need to be replaced at a large cost
My website would need address changing at a large cost
My insurance would cost more"*
- "Our house 133 Oldmixon road Hutton bs24 9qahas been part of Hutton since 1929If the changes go ahead
Our address will change to Weston super mare instead of Hutton
This would devalue our house
It would increase the costs of car and house insurance etc
Our council tax charges will increase but the Hutton precept would loose payment from over 400 homes .
There seems no good reason to change the boundary"*
- "The residents affected are moving from an area of low deprivation (3/10) to an area of very high deprivation (10/10) this will significantly impact on house prices. Also Woodside has a crime rate of 4/10 and will move to an area 6/10 which automatically increase home insurance and house insurances.*

If the boundary is changed then at the next governance review Hutton will be a smaller village and will then have its boundary changed so it is no longer a village."

- *"Our house has been part of Hutton since 1929 133 Oldmixon Road Hutton bs24 9qa*

If the changes go ahead

Our address will change to Weston super mare instead of Hutton

This would devalue our house

It would increase the costs of car and house insurance etc

Our council tax charges will increase but the Hutton precept would loose payment from over 409 homes .

There seems no good reason to change the boundary

It would split our community

The village hall would cost more to hire for birthday parties etc"

- *Fully against this proposal / recommendation. The boundary should NOT Be changed.*

- *"We have relocated to this area from previously living in the north of the country. We purchased our house off plan as part of the fox glove new builds based on a lot of the features that come with living in Hutton Parrish such as the school and church and Parrish community.*

A change to the boundary would make the reason for purchase of our home invalid and would possibly put us to consider moving.

If a number of residents felt the same impact could be made to school numbers as a lot of locals access the school due to being part of the Parrish."

- *Thirty years ago we purchased property and our reason for buying at Woodside rather than Weston was that we would be in the parish of Hutton. We do not agree to be underhandedly be moved back to Weston super Mare just because you want to balance out the situation with how many homes you have in the parish or that they are in two separate parishes. It's the council's fault for allowing so many properties at the end of Woodside Avenue. You have made this little housing estate into a death trap. Motorists speeding up and down the road who don't care about anyone else. There should be speed bumps and kill your speed signs throughout the estate before someone kills a child. We strongly disagree to the movement of the parish boundary and ask that the council see sense before building any further new property.*

- *"I do not agree with this at all. I think that the Woodside estate should stay within the parish of Hutton.*

If this was to become part of Weston Super Mare it won't be long before Hutton as a whole is also incorporated into boundary of Weston Super Mare."

- *It seems an unnecessary change, that will effect lots of households, when the cost of living is already high, potentially putting some families into financial problems.*

- *"I moved to the area specifically to be part of a village.*

I believe a smaller more personal parish council will serve the area better.

I suspect my property value will be affected, along with my insurances."

- *"I moved to the area to be part of a village community. I believe the smaller parish council will be better for the area. I believe the move to Weston council would adversely affect our property values as well as our insurances."*
- *"I very much feel part of the community in Hutton, I live on Manor Farm Crescent. I totally protest against this move to shift the boundaries, I don't feel it will serve the residents at all and our local Hutton parish council is best placed to serve our community"*
- *"I wish to register my strong objection to the proposed change to the parish boundary that would move the Woodside area from Hutton Parish to Weston-super-Mare."*

Financial Impact on Residents

The proposed change would result in an estimated increase of £23.36 per year (Band D) in council tax. This is an unfair additional cost for residents who have chosen to live in Hutton Parish, particularly during a time when the cost of living continues to rise. Residents should not be financially penalised for administrative boundary changes beyond their control.

Loss of Community Identity

Our household identifies as part of the Hutton community. We participate in parish events, use local amenities, and my daughter attends school in Hutton. Moving us into Weston-super-Mare would create an unnecessary division between neighbours and sever long-established social and community ties. Local identity and sense of belonging should be valued and protected, not overridden by administrative convenience.

Separation from Local Services and Infrastructure

Hutton Parish provides accessible local services and representation tailored to the needs of our smaller community. Weston-super-Mare is a much larger town with different priorities. Residents in our area would likely receive less individual attention and lose the close relationship we currently have with our parish councillors.

Potential Negative Impact on Property Values

Property values in Hutton are typically higher than comparable areas of Weston-super-Mare due to the village's character, community feel, and parish status. Being reclassified as part of Weston-super-Mare could lead to a perceived reduction in desirability, potentially devaluing properties and disadvantaging residents financially in the long term.

Lack of Clear Local Benefit

The consultation materials do not outline any tangible benefit for residents affected by this change. Instead, it appears the proposal is primarily driven by administrative tidiness rather than community need. The small increase in Weston's electorate and decrease in Hutton's electorate offers no improvement in services, representation, or quality of life for residents.

Premature Change Ahead of Wider Boundary Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is already scheduled to review ward boundaries in 2025/26. It seems unnecessary and inefficient to change parish boundaries now when further adjustments are likely to occur shortly. This may result in confusion, duplicated effort, and unnecessary disruption for residents.

Strong Community Opposition

Based on conversations with neighbours, there is widespread opposition to this proposal within the affected area. The council should take into account the clear local consensus that residents wish to remain part of Hutton Parish."

- *I strongly reject this proposal as I wish to remain in Hutton Parish.*
- *"I very strongly believe that the draft recommendation (6.2) of removing Woodside , Foxglove Meadows and part of Oldmixon Road from within Hutton Parish boundary and into WsM Town Parish is wrong and completely detrimental to the Hutton community needs and focus that exist now.*

10 houses in Tenacre Close straddling the current boundary - which appears to be the single evidence to justify such a move - would be better served by North Somerset tweaking the Hutton Parish boundary to include these houses within the Hutton Parish boundary, not purely wrenching 406 households away from their wider community of Hutton.

I strongly object to the recommendation for the following reasons:

Potential for centralisation reducing the number of Hutton residents who currently come together to share in their community decision making.

Shifting priorities - Town council's focus overlooking the unique needs and concerns of the local community

Reduced empowerment and Community Identity - residents will end up being enveloped in an ever-growing town as opposed to being part of Hutton Parish's existing strong community identity.

Loss of association with the Parish of Hutton. Post Code would link to Weston Town.

Loss of Community communication with St Mary's Church, Hutton, via Stay Connected, newsletter, prayer groups,, Messy Church for families served by St. Mary's, information from Hutton News - circulations and outreach groups pertinent to Hutton Parish home dwellers.

Negative financial impact for all properties (Council Tax increases)"

- *Children from the village football club live on Woodside and wish to stay part of the Hutton Community. Important they are inclusive!*
- *Leave things as they are thank you very much!*
- *The recommendation to move the boundaries should be based on feedback from the first consultation. There is nothing in the first consultation feedback that shows residents in Hutton want their village boundaries to be changed.*
- *"This change of boundary would have a big impact on the community of Hutton, reducing its resources considerably and also the personal lives of the residents of the whole of Hutton, not just those of Woodside but also of the central parts and Elborough. School, Church, Village Hall, Hutton Dabaso Twinning Association and the other community groups will all be affected. The pros and cons of different boundaries have not been elucidated. I can see no advantages for any current Hutton residents, only disadvantages so far."*
- *"Council Tax rises for residents in the area in particularly myself. Change would be unnecessary and should be left as it is"*
- *Absolutely no reason to move Woodside out of the Hutton parish.*

- *"The thought process behind this decision is baffling at best, there doesn't appear to be any winners in this particularly not the residents who live in the affected properties. I face the prospect of loosing value in my property, facing higher premiums for car and house insurance and and potentially being pushed into negative equity and for what?
I strongly oppose this proposal and can't understand why the communication around this with local residents has been so poor, should it not have been for local residents, this would have gone through without anyone knowing."*
- *"Woodside is part of Hutton and should remain so.
The proposal to move the boundary will have a massive impact on the families of Woodside.
During a cost of living crisis all households will see increases in council tax, insurances across the board and a depression in house values.
Hutton parish will also feel the impact of this ridiculous proposal that has no merit."*
- *"One reason for buying my property was that it was in the parish of Hutton.
The proposed change to the boundary incorporating 400 plus homes into Weston is total nonsense and quite clearly a 'land grab' by stealth to increase the coffers of Weston-s-Mare.
If there is a small problem that a few houses in Ten Acre Close are in a different catchment area to the rest of the estate then simply move the boundary line 100 meters westward so that TenAcres joins its neighbours.
The financial changes affecting the estate by including it in Weston are potentially huge, Not only is Council Tax increased, but the value of properties could be significantly lower, and other financial implications such as an increase in insurance cost.
So, the choice is financial mayhem for 400 plus properties - or a pleasant surprise for 25 who would now find they are part of Hutton!
NO ARGUMENT !!"*
- *Unfair for Hutton Parish to lose revenue*
- *The people who moved in to the area of Hutton did so because they wanted to be part of the Village of Hutton, the older developments along the North side of Oldmixon Road in particular have been part of Hutton for three quarters of a century. Reducing the the size of Hutton (30.8% reduction in precept) is a BIG cut for a small parish.*
- *If passed, it will deplete the overhaul running of Hutton Parish Council both monetarily and socially. I oppose most strongly.*
- *Happy being a part of hutton parish*
- *"I live in Woodside area of Hutton and want to remain in Hutton. If these proposals go ahead it may effect the following:
Council Tax precept
Being able to choose Hutton Primary School for any children I may have in the future or Hutton Church if I wanted to marry there.
The value of my property - I do not want to be part of Oldmixon I would like to remain part of a village community.
There will be a decrease in money for Hutton Village from the precept and therefore the village will not be able to spend on such things as playgrounds etc."*
- *"Many of the people who currently live in the area chose to do so because it is part of Hutton Parish and are concerned that it may no longer be in the Parish .*

There is no reason to change the boundary in such a huge way for the very few properties that are adjacent but not included in the Parish.

The loss of the funds to Hutton Parish is a huge percentage of their income and will cause a big issue to the Parish in the current climate.

Change to the boundary could cause an increase in insurance to those affected."

- I believe it is an under hand way to up the number of houses built in the Weston ward and reduce the number in Hutton therefore forcing extra housing on the village of Hutton which would destroy it identity*
- I don't want the boundaries to change. I am happy as they are.*
- Leave Hutton as it is. It's lovely and people are very happy with the way it is.*
- "this will be of no benefit to me, as I will no longer live in Hutton with a parish council and and all the vibrant life of a village giving a sense of belonging to a community.*

I chose Hutton over W.S.M when moving here from Long Ashton.

Apart from council tax to increase this could impact on my cost to house and car insurance it could even devalue my property, as said before this has no benefit for me either in piece of mind or financially ."

- We moved here knowing Woodside was in the parish of Hutton and if this changed our house insurance and other costs would go up and as life financially is hard for many this isn't the right choice for where we live.*
- "This would result in council tax increase, the value of my property would drop. Also the property would be in Oldmixon which would increase my house and car tax. This would mean over £500 increase in my annual bills which I cannot afford.*

I do not wish to be part of Weston super Mare but I wish to remain in Hutton.

Also I find it highly disturbing that only some of there residents received the letter from the council about this proposed change. This is supposed to be a democratic process but if people are not aware of supposed changes they have no was expressing their opinions. I wonder how many previous decisions I missed because I did not get the letter from NS council."

- No benefits to change boundary. Happy to stay part of Hutton parish council.*
- "We wish to remain part of Parish of Hutton. We moved to Parish Council of Hutton Village as we wanted to be part of a village community after moving from London in June 2021. Was one of our main criteria's moving to North Somerset.*

Leaving the Parish of Hutton will leave the village at a great financial loss.

Will also leave ourselves at a financial loss regarding house prices could lose thousands off the value, insurance premiums will rise on buildings / car etc.

And we'll lose that village community togetherness."

- "Having moved from the London Borough of Hillingdon four years ago, being part of a smaller community really appealed to us. People know you by sight and having flower planters at the end of the road (A small thing you may think, but another indicator that you belong) makes the appeal of belonging to a parish council strong.*

The prospect of being swallowed up by the Weston Council and losing the sense of community, really does not go down well.

Alongside the prospect of us losing a considerable amount from the value of our property and having house and car insurance go up, we would be left out of pocket if our postal address were to change."

- *There is no credible reason as a resident that the boundary should change. When we bought the property we did it knowing it was a part of Hutton, something we were happy to buy into. This is purely a way to stretch money out of residents through council tax. Once a boundary is set it should be honoured. This will affect the residents of Hutton too that will remain in the boundary. At the end of the day, with the cost of living, this is a callous way to treat the community. Find a better and less money pinching way from your residents to fill the plug in any budget deficits for the council. If you were a resident potentially facing a boundary change and ANOTHER hike in council tax would you be so happy?*

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There seems no good reason to change the boundary

Also We are very concerned that the proposed new boundary divides our garden between two parishes without any clear or justifiable reason. This division appears arbitrary and makes little practical sense. Furthermore, such a change could make the property less desirable to potential buyers in the future and may negatively affect its value. We would therefore appreciate a clear explanation as to why the property has been split into two separate sections in this proposal

Our house and garden in pic below outlined in red

Unfortunately, this is not letting me attach the picture but if you look on your plans, you will say the property"

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Our house and garden in the plan it is the property to the left of the blue blocked out area. The line hasn't even been drawn around our property correctly. The boundary line on the top right half of our garden hasn't been drawn in."

- *"To reduce the receipts of Hutton in favour of a Weston parish is ridiculous. New housing is being built all over the airfield increasing the receipts for Weston as a whole . Where as Hutton has hardly any scope for growth so reducing the amount given to Hutton will only lead to the to the long term decline of Hutton as a village.
The village hall is already struggling for funding. Perhaps you should be considering how to generate more for the parish instead of picking their pockets in favour of others"*
- *The 408 properties would have an increase in council tax for being forced to move to a different area. Forced out of a village environment into an area of deprivation which will increase car and house insurance. All of this is fact and can be checked online. Also house prices would be lower as they are no longer in Hutton potentially thousands of pounds lost on house value, this could result in homeowners having negative equity and unable to move homes. This suggestion would have no benefit to the 408 homes. Totally unfair!*
- *Parish precept already high in Hutton so it would become higher if village loses Woodside properties. This would tend to discourage people thinking of coming to the village, especially young families, and for existing residents it would mean fewer facilities and parish events could be afforded, which are the lifeblood of the community.*
- *"I don't agree with the proposed changes. I have engaged in the Hutton parish events, supporting charities which would be impacted by no longer being part of the parish.
This will also negatively impact me through impact on house price, increase in council tax costs, and also impacts on insurance costs when amended to the Oldmixon region."*
- *It has always been part of the village, since i have been here 35 years*
- *Hutton is fine as it is, and everyone in the parish should have been notified by letter; not just some of the properties that are proposed to be moved.*
- *The area of Oldmixon has been part of our Society for over 60 years, and we would like them to remain as part of Hutton.*
- *The decrease in precept would be detrimental to the remaining Hutton Parishioners and the sustainability of services.*
- *"We have a good community in Hutton, which includes woodside,
This chage will put up our council tax"*
- *The logic of the "recommendation" does not reflect the feelings of residents of the Parish. In fact the logic would suggest that the few houses of the Woodside currently in WSM should be included in the area of Hutton to consolidate the Woodside completely within Hutton.*
- *The move would increase council, maintain the village as it is*
- *This seems to be a financially motivated proposal and it will detrimentally affect those remaining in the parish.*
- *"It will destroy the existing ""village"" nature of the Parish of Hutton.
Perceived by the residents as a cynical ""money grab"" by Weston Town Council and not a true reflection of the feelings of the residents affected.*

A better, and more logical reflection of the locality idea would be to return the housing/residents of 10 Acre Close to the Parish of Hutton"

- *Could impact on the inclusive membership of the Group from across the current Parish of Hutton. Several members of the Group come from the Woodside residential area and this proposed change could potentially fragment the perception of those residents and turn their eye away from the current Group.*

- *Why can't 10 Acre Close be included in Hutton Parish?*

- *"It would be simpler to extend the current boundary to include the few houses that are outside the boundary on the new area on Woodside Avenue. I have just watched the news and our council tax is might go up by 20% next year.*

Although we appreciate there are areas spending that is essential, is it really necessary to throw lots of money into unnecessarily extending a boundary that doesn't need changing? Hutton is a small community and look after locals whereas if we were including in supermarket a lot of the elderly people would be forgotten.

Take a walk along Winterstoke Road, to see more unnecessary spending. So many times we go past and lots of people sat around. Is this work monitored once the tender has gone out? There are so many reasons our boundaries shouldn't be changed but the cost is the highest waste of everyone's money!!!"

- *Your asking for residents to increase their costs for Council Tax when the cost of living is already at an all time high*
- *"No good reason to change the boundary. Many bought property in that area because it is part of the Parish of Hutton and do not wish it to change. Any change to make that area under one Parish would be better to incorporate the few houses into Hutton rather than move many out of the Parish. For many costs will increase if the proposed area is changed. Checks on insurance for example show it would increase if the properties were no longer in Hutton. Seems silly but it does make a difference. The proportional cost of loss to Hutton over the increase to Weston seems very out of balance. The parish of Hutton loving up to 30 % of its income over the small increase to Weston.*

Add to that the costs involved in making the change , who will end up paying for this. There may be a need to review but in no way is there a need to actually change the boundary. Seems very unfair on those who choose to live in the area."

- *I have spoken to people in the area affected - many attend functions in Hutton, also people in Hutton and no-one approves of this change - Hutton will have to pay higher rates. It's the thin end of the wedge and Hutton will become part of Weston.*
- *People residing in the Woodside area play an active part in various events taking place within Hutton, the proposal will exclude thyem from future updates, newsletters etc. Do not break up an active community like this when central government are asking people to be all inclusive.*
- *"I live in the village of Hutton and those that remain in the village like ourselves and I would no longer live in the same village as my daughter as they would be in the parish of Weston-super-Mare which is not a parish it is a town. Those left like myself would more than likely have to pay more council tax as the parish will have less precept. If the precept stays the same then there would be less money for the parish to use to look after the village.*

House prices for those that would be in the Weston-super-Mare parish will be impacted negatively. Additionally their house and car insurances will be higher already done the research on this. They will also have to pay more council tax.

Very concerned that planning decisions will also just slip through. There is no need for this change at a time when there are far more important things that need to happen with North Somersets finances etc."

- "Why would I want to join the boundary of North Somerset Council, a council who's planning and transport division have shown total disrespect for the safety and wellbeing of the residents who live on the woodside estate. They have approved planning applications above those houses originally planed, with even more planned. These approvals have created a busy dangerous road, which is the only road leading in and exiting from the whole of the estate.*

On attending a recent public parish council meeting on the Hutton boundary possible move, it became obvious North Somerset Council has not followed its required consultation procedure. Most of those attending this meeting had not been sent a letter by North Somerset Council, and had learnt about the Community Governance Review by the efforts made by our Parish Council. North Somerset Council have on many previous occasions, not sent letters to all those who are effected by such important issues as this. Why would I want to join the boundary of North Somerset Council, a Council who feels it is not necessary, to keep those living within its boundary informed of those issues which effect them. It is my hope they have rectified this issue and sent letters to ALL Hutton residents

Apart from the above important detailed facts I will add :- Why would I want to join North Somerset Council, when in doing so my car insurance would increase, my council tax would increase and, probably many more hidden increases would be added by the change in boundaries movement.

The advantages of being able to contact and talk to a parish councillor who understands the needs of the community they represent, far outweighs, trying, which is the operative word, to talk to some random official at North Somerset Council, who has no vested interest in the community they are supposed to represent."

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- "I have lived in the parish of Hutton for nearly 25 years and I enjoy being part of the village life of Hutton. There has been far too much building in and around the local area and it is important that village life is kept alive.*

I got married in the Hutton and it is important we still live in the village that we choose to settle in. I do not want to be part of the non entity which would be the parish of Weston-super-Mare which is not a parish it is a town.

Those left like myself would pay more council tax and there would be less money for the village of Hutton to spend.

House prices for those that would be in the Weston-super-Mare parish will be impacted negatively. Additionally our house and car insurances would be higher.

I am also very concerned that planning decisions will also just slip through.

There is no need for this change."

- *without the houses in this area Hutton would not be a viable parish - unable to support the current amenities.*
- *If we are removed this creates higher tax rates for already struggling families who live on this estate! Whilst residents of Hutton will be paying less. This isn't fair to increase us and lowers theirs. Make it fair.*
- *I object to the boundary changes because of the loss of community revenue via the precept to Hutton Parish. With 400+ homes being removed from the Parish and 30% reduction in the precept, this will lead to reduced services to the Parish or would have a direct negative financial impact on those properties remaining in the Parish in order to maintain existing services. The changes could also potentially prohibit young homebuyers from moving into Hutton Parish due to the lack of availability of more affordable housing. I also feel that the spirit of the existing community will be impoverished with the loss of 26% of the present population; it would be an extremely negative step to fragment this well established and hitherto vibrant community.*
- *People who live within the Parish Boundary wanted to live in a village not a town,*
- *Why change it, they are part of Hutton and there is no reason for it to change.*
- *If the proposed changes proceed, we will lose 26% of the current Parish population in respect of notifications of our events, which are carried out at the Village Hall and are to the benefit of all.*
- *"Council tax will go up
Insurance on houses will go up
House prices will fall
Why should are council tax go
Up and huttons down
Car insurance will go Up"*
- *Living in Woodside Avenue has been an inclusive experience, becoming part of Hutton Village and its many activities. This is something that is not found in many villages or towns. The mental wellbeing this provides along with friendships is valuable to day to day living. By changing the boundary 406 properties along with their families will no longer be part of the village. We will no longer be included in the local parish magazine for village news, event updates and information. Events such as the Taste of Somerset will continue, but will fall upon Hutton Village to organise and we will be excluded from this organisation. The country is looking for an all inclusive environment, but here we are looking at cutting off parts of the community and moving 406 properties into an area that does what as a community? Absolutely nothing! We have a good community spirit with plenty of activities this plan will destroy that community feeling and spirit.*
- *Bad for the area of Hutton to loose 406 houses, and Hutton village parks and area may suffer loosing this money.*

- *"The reasoning that because recent housing developments now straddle the boundary between Weston and Hutton justifies extending the boundary to bring them into Weston is another step in the expansion of Weston to absorb all the villages. With development continuing on all sides of Weston, this argument could be used in another 15 years to absorb even more of the villages and lose the rural structure which attracts people - it will become just another area of the town.
The financial effect of moving the 406 properties on the both the Parish Council and individuals should be presented as values rather than percentages which rather hides the size of the change."*
- *"Council Tax will rise for residents
Insurance will rise
Houses will decrease in value"*
- *The residence want to be part of the parish, why would you change something that you decided needs to be changed. Certainly not for their benefit, just unjustified ,its just not how we work. It is unorthodox ! If they didn't want to be in Hutton they would have moved to Weston.*
- *"This will effect the Council Tax for those residents both in Woodside and those remaing in Hutton
Many residents of Woodside are part of Hutton village organisations"*
- *"Would massively impact me as I bought the house to be part of Hutton village !
House price will massively drop and council tax will go up, how will I benefit from this being a single mum of 2.
It's already a massive struggle as I put every last penny into buying my house for me and my children in an area I chose to be Hutton!"*
- *The revenue decrease for Hutton would be detrimental to the village and lead to increased taxation for villagers remaining in the Hutton boundary.*
- *believe the Woodside area should remain part of Hutton because it has long been part of the Hutton community, both geographically and socially. Changing the boundary would risk weakening local identity and community ties. The area already fits naturally within Hutton's parish boundaries and services, so there's no strong justification for altering the existing arrangement. Keeping the current boundary maintains continuity and ensures residents remain represented by the parish that best reflects their local interests.*
- *The Woodside area should stay within Hutton because it's always been part of the Hutton community and fits naturally within its boundaries. Changing it could cause confusion over local services and lead to differences in council tax that wouldn't be fair to residents. Keeping things as they are makes more sense and ensures people continue to be represented by the parish that best reflects their community.*
- *think the boundary should stay as it is because the Woodside area feels much more connected to Hutton than Weston-super-Mare. Moving it would just complicate things for residents, especially when it comes to council tax and local services. People in this area already contribute to and benefit from Hutton's parish setup, so there's no real reason to change something that already works well.*
- *These houses have been included within the Hutton parish council for years and support is within the village these should still be included within the boundary's!!!!*

- *If they sit in between Hutton and locking district wards they should be included in one of them. Why bring them into wsm ward for that ward to pay more taxes.*
- *No need to change the boundary and affects Hutton council tax*
- *"as a resident of woodside avenue, what will be the benefit. For example currently I am paying maintenance charges to private company(ground solutions). My question is if our area merge to weston-super-mare area then should I have to pay this maintenance charges.*
If 'no' then I am happy to go with the 'Yes'"
- *I moved back to Hutton to be part of a distinct village community, and these proposals risk undermining the very character and identity that make the parish so special. Hutton has a proud history and a strong sense of community, which would be diminished if it were absorbed into Weston.*
If the boundary is altered, Hutton could lose its individuality and local voice. Parish identity is not just administrative — it shapes how residents engage with their area and one another. Being part of Hutton Parish brings tangible benefits, including local representation and a shared community spirit that would be lost under the proposed changes.
There are also practical concerns. A change in boundary could lead to differences in services, increases in the cost of living (for example, in house and car insurance), and potentially affect property values. It may also increase pressure for further housing development, leading to the loss of green spaces and the gradual merging of Hutton into Weston-super-Mare — something many residents strongly oppose.
Rather than removing a large area from Hutton, I believe a more reasonable approach would be to adjust the boundary only to include the few new houses currently outside it. This would address any practical anomalies without eroding the parish's historic boundaries or community identity.
The land in question has historically been part of Hutton Parish and should remain so. I therefore urge North Somerset Council to reject the proposed boundary changes and preserve Hutton's character, independence, and community cohesion.
- *Loss of parish community*
Negative financial impact
- *Loss of community events and facilities*
- *Loss of community and village identity with the Parish of Hutton.*
Loss of income to Hutton Parish Council.
Negative financial impact for those that reside in Woodside eg, increase insurance costs and reduced house prices.
Removal of local parish decision making to a large town council decision making with different and wider priorities.
Loss of local parish community information (Hutton Parish News).
- *Loss of community and parish identity*
Negative financial impact eg. Insurance costs and house prices
Loss of income to Hutton Parish Council
Potential increase in Council tax

Lack of priority for local issues within Woodside

Loss of association with the Parish of Hutton

- *Loss of Royal British Legion members to Weston-super-Mare instead of the Hutton branch of the Royal British Legion.*
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- *Loss of community identity with the Parish of Hutton*

Reduction in the size of the Parish of Hutton

Reduction in the number of Parishioner electors from 1418 to 1012

Potential Council Tax increases

Reduction and loss of income (Precept) to Hutton Parish Council

Reduction in local priorities.

Negative financial impact on Parishioners in Woodside, with the loss of association with the Parish of Hutton, eg Property Prices, insurance costs, schooling,

Lack of local prioritised solutions to local issues.

Support to residents who attended the Hutton Public Meeting regarding the draft recommendation. A public vote bar one person was 100% against the draft recommendation.

Loss of local Parish information to Woodside residents.

Loss of local Hutton Parish Council support to Woodside residents.

Loss of local decision making for Woodside residents.

Reduced powers for Woodside residents to affect local decisions.

- *Firstly, I do not want to lose the social and community benefits of living in Hutton. It's one of the main reasons I purchased my property here in Woodside in 2016. I'm due to retire next year and if this happens, I will not be able to get fully involved in Hutton parish activities which I have been looking forward to greatly for years.*

Secondly, it will be hugely detrimental financially. If Hutton is removed from my address all my insurance premiums will increase dramatically due to the proximity of Oldmixon and Bournville estates (I've requested "dummy" quotations for insurance online which illustrates this).

Similarly, property values will decrease for the same reason. I've worked hard to pay off a mortgage to live in Hutton to enjoy the benefits of this area and if this happens my property will be devalued overnight. I'm also aware of people living in the newly built properties with 100% (or thereabouts) mortgages who will go into negative equity if this happens. Totally unfair.

My Council tax shown in the illustration you have provided will also increase if this happens. All in all a financial disaster for me.

I object in the strongest terms possible.

I'm also aware that a lot of the 406 properties affected have NOT received the letter from NSC informing us of the draft recommendation. I found out through social media (although I did get a letter later). Why? Surely that's a breach of NSC's obligations to ensure that all affected residents are fully aware of the consultation and the implications? This is a mistake which SHOULD be rectified (and has hopefully not happened for any other sinister reasons)

A lot of my neighbours do not use the internet and were completely unaware of the proposals which is unacceptable. (I use the internet

and I was completely unaware of the initial consultation). This must be addressed.

I cannot empathise more strongly how I object to the proposals.

- *A power grab by Weston to deprive Hutton Parish Council of its supplementary income to beautify and keep clean the village of Hutton. The parish has Orderlies to undertake this work , also it removes Hutton Parish council visibility and ability to comment on Future developments along the south side of Oldmixon Road up to Hay Wood.
Hutton and Woodside are separate entities from Weston and publish Hutton News a magazine 6 times a year of distinctive special local information.
All to be swept away in a merge with a faceless conglomerate.*
- *Council tax .. a potential increase as WSM council tax is higher than that for Hutton, plus those remaining in Hutton will likely see an increase to compensate for the reduction in properties in the Parish.
School catchment area.. this could cause impact on local school as the area would be likely to change and catchment area reduced.
Impact on house prices and insurance costs for those currently in Woodside area as they woul no longer be associated with Hutton Parish.
No benefits shown as to why the boundary should change, lack of evidence as to the benefit of such a change.*
- *The village of Hutton, is where people wish to live they do not wish to be controlled by people outside the parish therefore the movement of the boundaries are detrimental to the area, and Village.
It might be pointed out that the current boundaries and the propose change to the boundaries are incorrect perhaps you may wish to do some homework .*
- *There are no positives in this proposal for anyone living in the affected area. Increased council tax, loss of finance to Hutton Parish, the likelihood of increased insurance costs penalise people who are now part of the parish. This proposal is driven by Weston's desire for more money at the cost of another community. The Oldmixon area is part of the history of Hutton. There are names on the war memorial in the middle of Hutton of the people killed by bombing on Oldmixon Road. The only reason for this proposal is the unjustified reallocation of financial resources which is unfair and unwarranted.*
- *The only reason for this is to improve Weston's precept to the detriment of present Hutton residents. Oldmixon Road is part of Hutton parish as is Woodside.*
- *My husband & I have just moved into Hutton & we are in the proposed new zone. We want to remain as part of Hutton village and we are nervous of potential planning of further new builds on the land at the back of our property. One of the main reasons we bought the property was the view at the back & on enquiry, pre house purchase, we were informed it would be very unlikely building would happen there.*
- *As a resident in this area I wish to remain a part of Hutton village, I moved to this house to be a part of the village, my children went to school in the village and I have been part of village activities. It would be devastating not to be in the village anymore it is our identity and this would be stolen from us, I feel very strongly about maintaining village status and we would just merge into Weston which we are far away from, we are nearer to Hutton than Oldmixon at this end of the road, please do not go ahead with this proposal*
- *I was born in Hutton and have lived here all my life.
I have friends who live in Oldmixon and see themselves as part of the Village of Hutton.*

I can see no reason why they should be deprived of this position.

There are also concerns about such a reduction in the number of residents in Hutton causing an increase in the cost of council tax for all the residents of Hutton.

- *I feel very strongly that in the interests of the Parish of Hutton, and of the people involved in the boundary move, that the present boundary should remain the same.*

- *Joining Weston will lose our Village connection with Hutton.*

Our Council tax will rise, which I cannot afford.

My house insurance premium will rise, as we will be classed as Oldmixon, and due to their higher crime rate this affects the costs.

Again, as a pensioner I cannot afford these increases.

- *The objection is based on the following considerations:*

1. Negative Financial Impact - for all affected residents (with no clear benefit identified)

2. Loss of Local Autonomy - (for residents moving to Weston Town Council district), whereby they lose the specific autonomy that being part of a separate village community provides.

3. Change in Priorities - becoming part of the larger Weston Town boundary could lead to the unique needs and concerns of the former village community being overlooked in the context of the wider issues that the wider Weston Town Council invariably will necessarily focus on.

4. Information on local Hutton village events will be less directly accessible to the affected residents (subject to the boundary shift from Hutton).

- *i bought my bungalow many years ago as it was in the boundry of hutton and i wished to live ,i do not wish to be moved from that boundry ,as that was the reason i moved here , my daughter also bought a house because of the same reason and she do not wish to be moved to weston,s,mare parish ,pleased reconcider the wishes of many people before the big change ..thank you*
- *I believe that removing the area of Woodside and Ham Close from the Parish of Hutton would negatively affect the diversity demographic of the Parish, and remove access to more affordable housing to anyone who wishes to be part of the Parish in future. The community thrives on the variety of ages and backgrounds of our community and I think separating the Woodside area from Hutton Village and Elborough Village is a very bad idea.*
- *No benefit will be given to Hutton residents by this action
It will increase the financial burden for the Parish Council.*
- *Shortfall of village like, and financial implications for the community and the Parish Council*
- *There was no notification from NSC to the parishioners about this proposal; only a letter sent to the houses due to be removed from the Parish. This change has a negative impact on us all and we should ALL have been notified.*
- *Why change the village when it is not needed. The village is good as it is.*
- *There is no need for a change*
- *We are all happy with the village and keep the village identity.
I am concerned with the financial implications*
- *The financial indications of the change*

- *The Woodside estate, since it was built, has been in the Parish of Hutton which seems to have worked well. The new development of Foxglove Meadows, in the main also falls within Hutton Parish, which seems logical as it is closer to Hutton Village than the Woodside. If North Somerset Councils concern is that new developments straddle boundaries, then surely it would make more sense to move the boundary to include the Ten acre close area into the Parish of Hutton.*
This proposal seems little more than a way to increase the funds in to the Town Councils coffers as against Hutton Parish.
- *Reducing the population of small Parish of Hutton is not beneficial to the electoral representation. Also the reduction in precept to Hutton Parish would be disproportionately large at 30.8%*
If anything the very small number of houses on the extension of Woodside into Weston should be added to the Hutton Parish.
- *Council tax likely to increase.*
Negative financial impact on Woodside property values and increase in insurance premiums.
School catchment area is reduced and impact on survival of Hutton school.
Lack of evidence regarding any benefits of the proposed boundary changes.
- *The English Indices of Deprivation are government figures that rank every neighbourhood from the most to the least deprived. In their latest figures it shows Oldmixon is very low in all areas of deprivation and is significantly a deprived area whereas Hutton scores show that it is not in an area of deprivation- in fact Hutton scores favourably in all areas with less crime and good health outcomes. By moving part of Hutton into Oldmixon the residents will have all their insurances based upon Oldmixon figures causing increase in costs. Also property sales will be negatively affected too. There is no benefit for the Hutton residents to be moved into another district.*
- *Hutton Parish Council does not support this draft recommendation for the following reasons:*
Loss of Woodside to the Parish of Hutton.
Loss of 462 properties to the Parish of Hutton.
Loss of the Precept Income -30.8% (£51264) to the Parish of Hutton.
Impact of the loss of Precept Income on Hutton Parish Council services.
Less precept income for Hutton Parish Council services.
Loss of 629 electors to WSM Town Council.
Loss of parishioners to WSM Town Council.
Negative impact on Woodside House Prices.
Negative impact on Woodside home and car insurance costs.
Potential Council Tax increases for residents in Woodside and residents remaining in the Parish of Hutton.
Loss of village and community parish spirit for Woodside parishioners.
Loss of a parish community.
Lack of Woodside local priorities for parishioners.
Lack of community information for Woodside parishioners.
Lack of Parish Council services for Woodside parishioners.
Lack of volunteer services for Woodside parishioners, such as Hutton in Bloom.
Reduced Woodside parishioner empowerment and community identity.

Loss of association with the Parish of Hutton.

Loss of Parish Councillors and future Parish Councillors who reside in Woodside.

Centralised decision making by WSM Town Council, instead of local Hutton Parish Council decision making for local priorities.

Parishioners concerns over lack of school places, Council Tax increases, home and car insurance increases and reduced houses prices due to loss of association with the Parish of Hutton.

Increase costs for Woodside residents use of Hutton Village Hall and Hutton Scout Hut.

No evidence of the positive impact of the boundary change.

A public meeting vote resulted in an overwhelming vote against the draft Recommendation 6.2

Hutton Parish Council unanimously supports the residents of the 406 properties who overwhelmingly reject and do NOT support the draft Recommendation 6.2 boundary change.

- *There are many reasons why I do not support the recommendation, they are as follows -*

I am concerned about the rising cost of living and increase in council tax with no added benefits to local residents affected.

I am a local business owner who advertises in the local Hutton news, one of the selling points for obtaining new business is the fact I am a resident of Hutton.

I am concerned that becoming part of W-S-M boundary will negatively impact the value of my property.

- *The financial impact on the residents of woodside will be significant and having this change imposed on us is unreasonable and will have a significant impact on me personally, my mental and physical health and my ability to contribute to the local economy. The proposed boundary around my family home at 141 Oldmixon road is not consistent with the boundaries imposed on the other residential properties. Hutton council have retained our access track and field behind the home, which is incorrectly displayed on the map as 3 fields, when in fact it has always be a single field. For the majority of Oldmixon Road, the new boundary stops where the road meets the pavement. However, where the pavement ends, Hutton Parish have drawn the new boundary line in to the boundary of our residential property, which extends to the roadside. Had they treated this strip of road consistently, their boundary would have remained at the roadside. They have made an obvious attempt to deceive, by publishing incorrect maps in their leaflets and social media posts, which does not show this blatant attempt to disadvantage a single resident. This clearly demonstrates an abuse of power by the Hutton Council and a complete lack of due diligence by North Somerset in allowing a single resident to be penalised in this way. Whatever the decision, The residence, access track and field behind the bungalow should be treated as one block of land and either retained as whole or moved as a whole.*
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This clearly demonstrates an abuse of power by the Hutton Council and a complete lack of due diligence by North Somerset in allowing me as a single resident to be penalised in this way. Whatever the decision, my residence, access track and field behind the bungalow should be treated as one block of land and either retained as whole or moved as a whole.

- *I vote against the expansion.*

My whole household wishes to remain part of Hutton Parish Council. This was a particularly important in decision making process of purchasing this house 4 years ago. I feel a great part and I'm active supporter of local community and would like it to remain that way. I'm categorically opposed this expansion!

- *I do not agree with the change. This change would not only negatively impact the 406 properties that are the focus of the change, but also all residents of the current parish of Hutton. Hutton is a great community with a strong range of activities that are either run or promoted by Hutton Parish Council. These activities would be put at risk by the suggested increase in council tax and reduced precept for the Parish of Hutton.*

It is also clear to me that the vast majority of residents in Woodside do not want the change and I want to show my support for them - we live in a democracy and the residents' views should be listened to by the authorities.

- *As a Hutton Parish Councillor, I do not agree with the change. There are no benefits for the parishioners, who have raised concerns about increases in tax and insurance as well as decreases in house prices in the Woodside area. At a time when the cost of living is a major issue, it would be very unwise for any authority to make a change that would worsen the living standards of its residents. The residents of the Woodside area and Oldmixon Road (Hutton section) do not want the change to happen and I fully support them. There has been no information provided that suggests benefits for this change. This change would not only negatively impact the 406 properties that are the focus of the change, but also all residents of the current parish of Hutton. Hutton is a great community with a strong range of activities that are either run or promoted by the Parish Councils. These activities would be put at risk by the suggested increase in council tax and reduced precept for the Parish of Hutton.*

- *This would be a disastrous situation for Hutton Parish Council and its residents, especially those in the Woodside and Foxglove meadows area.*

This will have a major effect on these residents as they either have recently purchased properties or wish to reside in a village, A move to Weston would offer them no benefits.

This move would also cause an increase in council tax for the remaining residents of Hutton, as even after a cut on the services offered by the Parish Council, there would inevitably be an increase in council tax due to the overheads of the PC being spread over a smaller number of properties,

- *As a resident of Hutton village, my objection relates to the existing parish council funding and how that will affect peoples' lives both in the Woodside area and the remainder of the parish of Hutton.*

Hutton benefits from an incredible community spirit. This is strongly supported by actions from the parish council. The Hutton Parish News is a well read and hugely liked publication that promotes events in the village, pulls together a sense of community and keeps everyone informed and engaged. If the overall cash funding to the parish council decreased there is no way this could be viable going forward and would be a major loss to this society. Add to this the events such as the Hutton Parish Festival, which not only brings people together, it also raises a significant amount of money for charity. A reduction in parish council funding would not allow these

type of events to take place.

It is therefore apparent to me that although Woodside residents, who seemingly unanimously object to the changes and wish to remain as part of this vibrant parish, it is also the remaining residents within the parish of Hutton would also suffer unnecessarily. The loss of community in taking what appears on paper to be a simple change could be catastrophic to this community and as such I register my objection.

- I have been born and brought up in the Village of Hutton.*

I have been a member of the Hutton & Oldmixon Society for nearly 60 years.

We have many of our members that reside in the Oldmixon and Woodside area of the village. The boundary of this area was always Winterstoke road. There is no reason why a historic boundary needs to be changed.

They take a pride in being part of the village, and additionally they are allowed to exhibit in our villager classes.

They would only loose out by being re located into Weston Town.

- I strongly appose the draft recommendation that the W-S-M boundary be extended. This will negatively impact the residents.*
- As always government, whether it be local or Westminster just looking to take more money from the public to fund to massive amounts of waste and mismanagement of funds (take a long hard look at employee holiday entitlement and pension contributions compared to the private sector). Clearly a case of why not penalise the people perceived to be wealthier despite there being a large number of retired members of the parish. Why am I not surprised?*
- My objection to this as a Hutton resident is due to loss of income to the parish council which runs many services and activities in the village. It will also increase the amount of precept payable to Hutton Parish Council to maintain even the basic services.
The residents in Woodside will suffer from higher council tax and a potential drop in property prices.*
- Another shameful attempt to rake in more money from local residents to mismanage and waste.*
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The residents in Woodside will suffer from higher council tax and a potential drop in property prices.*
- As a resident of Hamwood Close I do not support the proposed change. I value being part of the Hutton village community and feel it is important to keep this village identity. I can relate more to the views and focuses of the Hutton parish council rather than the broader Weston town council. I am also concerned about the loss of council tax precept for Hutton parish council and the rise in costs for all residents. I have lived within the parish of Hutton for many years and recognise the importance of the strong community spirit and interactions.*
- I chose my property because it was in the parish of Hutton. I wanted to feel part of a village community which myself and my family have for over 20 years. I object to this 100% and urge you not to remove this important part of the village from its boundaries.*
- Loss of Royal British Legion members to the Weston-super-Mare branch instead of the Hutton.*
- We have become aware of a potential change to the parish boundaries of Hutton and are opposed to the suggested change.
The change would mean that the electorate in Hutton would be reduced by approximately 600 people leaving those left to pay increased parish rates. This is unacceptable. A much fairer solution would be for Weston Town Council electorate to be reduced by the same 600 and those people transferred to Hutton Parish Council thereby allowing them to benefit from the better facilities enjoyed by*

Hutton parish residents and reducing the cost both to them and to Hutton residents. Our proposal would also move away the “litter line” which is apparent on the boundary of Hutton parish and the current Weston Town council at Winterstoke Road.

In summary, the changes will adversely affect those affected by the boundary change as follows:

- *A negative financial impact with increased Council tax likely for those residents moving out and remaining within the parish. We note that Weston Town Council rates are more expensive than Hutton.*
- *Loss of a unique local autonomy that is currently enjoyed and appreciated by Hutton residents.*
- *Potential for centralisation when decision making is moved away from the community and Hutton parish council. This will reduce local decision making.*
- *Shifting priorities because of the Town Council having a broader focus thereby overlooking the unique needs of Hutton Parish.*
- *Loss of information about community events and facilities which is currently available in Hutton parish News and is delivered free to all residents.*
- *Reduced empowerment and community identity. Residents will become part of an ever-growing town thereby losing their strong community identity.*
- *Loss of association with Hutton parish. Those residents outside Hutton Parish boundary will have their postcode associated with Weston Town that may have implications on house values and insurance premiums.*

We are therefore vehemently opposed to any change in Hutton Parish boundary.

- *I do not want to pay any more council tax, its too expensive as it is.*

I do not want my property to go down in value

I moved here to be part of the village of Hutton

My house and vehicle insurances will increase

These proposals are having a severe detriment to my mental health

Further comments

NONE

Draft recommendation 7: That the Nailsea boundary be amended to the south to follow the route of the railway line as a hard constraint.

Total responses	64
Responses in favour of the recommendation	29
Responses opposing the recommendation	30
Responses indicating uncertainty	5
Comments in favour of the recommendation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Most residents think of the railway line as the boundry so fixing this as hard constraint would seem sensible</i> 	

- *I agree it makes sense to follow a more clearly defined landmark to outline the boundary but my only reservation is if this a strategical move to land grab for construction purposes. We are so lucky to be surrounded by picturesque countryside and if this is the first step in compromising that land in order to build on it then I would oppose the motion.*
- *I also strongly feel that the boundary should also continue along the railway line to the east of Station Road, at least as far as Backwell Common to ensure that the land to the immediate south of Nailsea is considered as part of the town.*
- *The railway provides a clear and obvious boundary between the two communities especially if you consider the ongoing ease of management of land areas.. This would benefit both Nailsea and Backwell communities.*
- *7 – Boundary between Nailsea and Backwell to align with railway line*
BPC supports the proposed alignment. The only change affecting Backwell is the inclusion of the three ponds south of the railway line, currently under Nailsea's jurisdiction.
- *This will help to maintain the strategic gap between Nailsea and Backwell. I am entirely against any housing or road building in the low lying land by the station which is the current gap. It floods regularly and is a haven for wildlife. Work on the Kenn hedge and wildlife around the river will be horribly affected by any building especially of roads. More control by Nailsea of this area would be a positive thing.*
- *Agree - makes sense*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *There has been no reason given as to why this amendment is required. As there are no residential dwellings, what is the purpose of this change?*
- *BROCKLEY PARISH CONC "We believe that this goes against the traditional medieval boundary and there seems no logical reason unless they are expecting development on the land in question and wish to prevent a proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies going to Brockley. Equally our input into any future proposals for the land would be diminished. The land in question is very near Netherton Grange.*
This suggestion appeared without any consultation with us by Nailsea (at the same time as the, now withdrawn, Wraxall proposal!) The total disregard for common courtesy we found staggering and cannot actually see why this is necessary as the boundaries are long established medieval boundaries and the railway is not a formal natural boundary elsewhere."
- *There is no real logical reason for this as the railway does not form a boundary elsewhere and, in the event of development could prevent Brockley PC from having any input into something which will, inevitably, impact on Brockley.*
- *The medieval boundary should remain as it is, not lessen the parish of Brockley.*
- *"1. Summary*
I strongly object to Draft Recommendation 7, which proposes extending Nailsea's boundary southwards to the railway line. This is an arbitrary and opportunistic land-grab that undermines both Brockley's community identity and the purpose of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
2. No Logical or Historic Basis
The railway line is not a natural or historical boundary.
It divides no community and carries no administrative significance.

Choosing it simply because it is a visible line on a map is lazy and unjustified.

Brockley's boundaries pre-date modern development and continue to represent our rural and historic identity.

3. Failure of Statutory Test

This proposal:

- Does not reflect community identity or local ties;*
- Provides no evidence of improved governance or service delivery;*
- Would transfer rural land into a larger urban council purely for financial and political advantage.*

It therefore fails both statutory criteria: community reflection and effective, convenient governance.

4. Pattern of Encroachment

Nailsea's attempt mirrors its previous and ongoing efforts to absorb land from Wraxall & Failand.

Residents have consistently rejected such proposals as territorial expansion motivated by CIL and precept gain, not by any community need.

5. Impact on Brockley and Precedent

If accepted, this change would weaken Brockley's voice, dilute rural representation, and create a dangerous precedent for future boundary manipulation across North Somerset.

It would also distort the balance between urban and rural interests that the CGR process is supposed to protect.

6. Conclusio

Nailsea's proposal is arbitrary, unnecessary, and self-serving.

It offers no community benefit and directly contradicts the aims of equitable, democratic governance.

I therefore urge North Somerset Council to reject Draft Recommendation 7 entirely and maintain the existing Brockley–Nailsea boundary.

- I do not support the draft recommendation to amend the southern boundary of Nailsea to follow the railway line.*

Long-established parish boundaries serve a vital constitutional purpose: they reflect the historic identities and interests of local communities and should only be changed when there is clear, demonstrable support and a compelling need. Guidance from the Local Government Boundary Commission and statutory governance reviews emphasise that boundary changes must be justified by substantial shifts in population, community identity, or proven benefits for local governance—not simply administrative convenience or the presence of physical features.

Preserving these boundaries maintains the stability and confidence of local governance. Unnecessary alteration risks undermining community identity, eroding cohesion, and having unintended consequences for representation and future local democracy. Unless there is strong evidence that the current boundary fails to serve the interests of affected communities, and unless substantial local support exists for change, the longstanding parish limits should be respected.

Maintaining historic boundaries upholds trust, stability, and meaningful representation—the core principles of effective local government.
- If the boundary is moved closer to Backwell the short green areas which distinguishes the identity of each town will most probably be developed at a later date, possibly furthering the argument for the two towns to be merged*

- *I strongly object to Draft Recommendation 7, which proposes extending Nailsea's boundary southwards to the railway line. This is an arbitrary and opportunistic land-grab that undermines both Brockley's community identity and the purpose of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The railway line is not a natural or historical boundary. It divides no community and carries no administrative significance. Choosing it simply because it is a visible line on a map is lazy and unjustified. Brockley's boundaries pre-date modern development and continue to represent our rural and historic identity. This proposal:*
 - *Does not reflect community identity or local ties;*
 - *Provides no evidence of improved governance or service delivery;*
 - *Would transfer rural land into a larger urban council purely for financial and political advantage.**It therefore fails both statutory criteria: community reflection and effective, convenient governance. Nailsea's attempt mirrors its previous and ongoing efforts to absorb land from Wraxall & Failand. Residents have consistently rejected such proposals as territorial expansion motivated by CIL and precept gain, not by any community need. If accepted, this change would weaken Brockley's voice, dilute rural representation, and create a dangerous precedent for future boundary manipulation across North Somerset. It would also distort the balance between urban and rural interests that the CGR process is supposed to protect. I am very worried about what is happening in North Somerset council that has led to this proposal and worried that the wrong people are influencing decisions that meet their needs as there is no justification for the proposals that are being put in place.*
- *Why would you want to do this? Unless there are planned future uses that we don't yet know about that you don't want Brockley parishioners to have any influence over? Our input into future uses of this land would be diminished and yet it would affect us most. Also if any development did go ahead the least we should be entitled to is the CIL money due, which would not come to us if you moved the boundary!*
- *This recommendation is purely a "neatifying" proposal and I object to the replacement of an ancient boundary for no reason.*
- *The borders should remain the same, There is no reason for this recommendation. The residents have not asked for this.*
- *The railway line would form an artificial boundary which does not follow the traditional parish boundaries. It appears to be nothing more than an attempted 'land grab' to be detriment of Brockley Parish*
- *I do not support the draft recommendation to amend the southern boundary of Nailsea to follow the railway line. Long-established parish boundaries serve a vital constitutional purpose: they reflect the historic identities and interests of local communities and should only be changed when there is clear, demonstrable support and a compelling need. Guidance from the Local Government Boundary Commission and statutory governance reviews emphasise that boundary changes must be justified by substantial shifts in population, community identity, or proven benefits for local governance—not simply administrative convenience or the presence of physical features. Preserving these boundaries maintains the stability and confidence of local governance. Unnecessary alteration risks undermining community identity, eroding cohesion, and having unintended consequences for representation and future local democracy. Unless there is strong evidence that the current boundary fails to serve the interests of affected communities, and unless substantial local*

support exists for change, the longstanding parish limits should be respected.

Maintaining historic boundaries upholds trust, stability, and meaningful representation—the core principles of effective local government.

- *There is no real provision for the increased infra structure associated with all the extra housing that will be incorporated with this plan. There is also a lack of understanding of the topography of the area along with the devastating effect these developments are having on our wildlife and ecology. There is a great need to maintain a ‘wild ‘ barrier between the villages as ecological corridors as well as the need for rural retreats for the current population. These mergers are, and will, cause the area to be a mass conglomeration of housing which will be a further blight on the landscape in this rural area.*

Further comments

NONE

Draft recommendation 8: That the Parish of Yatton be renamed Yatton and Claverham to better reflect local identity.

Total responses	8
Responses in favour of the recommendation	6
Responses opposing the recommendation	2
Responses indicating uncertainty	0
Comments in favour of the recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Seems logical</i> • YATTON PARISH COUNCIL: <i>We hope that this recommendation is implemented and that Yatton parish is renamed to Yatton and Claverham.</i> • <i>Seems logical</i> 	
Comments opposing the recommendation <i>NONE</i>	
Further comments <i>NONE</i>	

Draft recommendation 9 (as amended): The boundary of Abbots Leigh should not be extended, and the Leigh Woods ward should consequently remain within the parish of Long Ashton. The Stage Two consultation should acknowledge this position and seek further views from residents.

Total responses	14
Responses in favour of the recommendation	7
Responses opposing the recommendation	6
Responses indicating uncertainty	1
<p>Comments in favour of the recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>No change needed.</i> <i>No change needed.</i> <i>There is a great community of interest between Abbots Leigh and Leigh Woods. There is also geographical proximity</i> <p>Comments opposing the recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Leigh Woods has more in common with Abbots Leigh than Long Ashton.</i> <i>The arguments in favour of this proposal (adjacency, shared identity and local facilities, better governance, and local support) still stand. No explanation has been given for the decision not to supporting the proposal.</i> <i>LW residents have no connection with Long Ashton, it makes absolutely no sense to continue with the combination. Leigh Woods name doesn't even exist on your list.</i> <i>Abbots Leigh is our nearest neighbour apart from Clifton of course and I believe we should be politically connected</i> <i>I think that Leigh Woods has more in common with Abbots Leigh than it does with Long Ashton. It's very much an "outlier" to Long Ashton. So in principle I think that Leigh Woods should be removed from Long Ashton parish and combined with Abbots Leigh.</i> <i>Having recently moved to Long Ashton I had not been aware that Leigh Woods was part of the Parish Council area, this did not feel intuitive when I found out. I'm aware I'm not well placed to comment on whether it would be better linked to Abbots Leigh, probably neither are ideal for Leigh Woods, but the current situation doesn't feel great</i> <p>Further comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>As a resident of Long Ashton I am not best placed to comment on how Leigh Woods residents feel they would be best represented</i> 	

Draft recommendation 10: That the residential area known as The Elms and the undeveloped area to the north remains in Wraxall & Failand

Total responses	524
Responses in favour of the recommendation	466
Responses opposing the recommendation	57
Responses indicating uncertainty	1
Comments in favour of the recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Again the demarcation of the boundary is clear and I see no reason why this can not remain as is. I know when the Hamlet lost it's Wraxall address it was very disappointing but the change reflected the defined boundary line and so I can't see that changing this would be of any benefit.</i> <i>The current parish of Wraxall & Failand works very well for local residents.</i> <i>We very strongly oppose NTCs repeated attempts to force this change. In common with many Elms dwellers we have never worked in Nailsea. We drive through Wraxall village most days, Nailsea once a week at most. One of us works at home or drives to sites UK wide. The other has always worked in Bristol or Gloucester. We use facilities in Bristol, Wraxall, Backwell, Nailsea, Congresbury, Clevedon, in that order. What facilities do they think we use that Tickenham or Backwell don't? Please can any further attempts by NTC to force this on us be firmly declined. We are not and never will be Nailsea orientated here. W&F fully get our issues, a great council who need full support. Thank you!</i> <i>This is the same as my previous view. It's unclear why NSC need to ask me twice!</i> <i>This proposal is strongly opposed for several reasons:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Loss of Parish Council Revenue: The transfer would significantly reduce the income available to Wraxall and Failand Parish Council, limiting its ability to provide services and maintain facilities for residents in the wider parish. This would have a direct and negative impact on the quality of life for the parish as a whole.</i> <i>2. Loss of Community Identity: The Elms has historically been part of Wraxall and Failand, and its residents share a sense of belonging to this community. Moving the estate into the Nailsea Town Council area would undermine this established identity and erode long-standing social ties.</i> <i>3. Decline in Local Character and Environment: Nailsea Town Council represents a larger, less rural, and less attractive environment compared to Wraxall. Inclusion in the town would mean residents lose the benefits of being part of a smaller, more community-focused parish, which was a key reason many chose to live here in the first place.</i> <i>4. No Tangible Benefits: The proposal offers no discernible advantages for Wraxall and Failand Parish Council or the residents of The Elms. On the contrary, it results in financial, social, and cultural losses with no clear gains.</i> 	

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reject this proposal and allow The Elms to remain within the parish of Wraxall and Failand. This will ensure the preservation of parish identity, fair distribution of resources, and the continued wellbeing of local residents.

- *I have repeated the arguments many times, but essentially the parish boundary should be retained in order to prevent the creeping expansion of Nailsea into green belt land, which needs to be retained for all the reasons set out so clearly and eloquently in so many previous consultations.*
- *I consider that those that want change are only wanting to raise costs unnecessary.*
- *There is no need to change - what a waste of time and money this consultation is, spend it on schools etc*
- *The general concensus is that no benefit would ensue from implementing the proposed change*
- *The Elms and that area is integrated into the Parish of Wraxall and Failand It's residents don't want to be part of Nailsea and the area is rural Green Belt like the rest of the Parish. Those of us in Failand would like it to stay part of our Parish, not that the Parish should be split.*
- *The Wraxall and Failand PC look after the area by responding quickly and efficiently to the residents needs and concerns. This would be lost if taken over by a larger Council*
- *This should remain the same to preserve the rural nature area and prevent it disappearing into and getting lost in a larger one.*
- *This proposal is strongly opposed for several reasons:*

1. Loss of Parish Council Revenue:

The transfer would significantly reduce the income available to Wraxall and Failand Parish Council, limiting its ability to provide services and maintain facilities for residents in the wider parish. This would have a direct and negative impact on the quality of life for the parish as a whole.

2. Loss of Community Identity:

The Elms has historically been part of Wraxall and Failand, and its residents share a sense of belonging to this community. Moving the estate into the Nailsea Town Council area would undermine this established identity and erode long-standing social ties.

3. Decline in Local Character and Environment:

Nailsea Town Council represents a larger, less rural, and less attractive environment compared to Wraxall. Inclusion in the town would mean residents lose the benefits of being part of a smaller, more community-focused parish, which was a key reason many chose to live here in the first place.

4. No Tangible Benefits:

The proposal offers no discernible advantages for Wraxall and Failand Parish Council or the residents of The Elms. On the contrary, it results in financial, social, and cultural losses with no clear gains.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reject this proposal and allow The Elms to remain within the parish of Wraxall and Failand. This will ensure the preservation of parish identity, fair distribution of resources, and the continued wellbeing of local residents.

- *The Elms is a sizeable proportion of the Wraxall & Failand Parish. As such removing it from the parish would be detrimental to the remaining residents thereof in terms of council tax income and maintenance of the environment.*

- *Those that are required in particular that will be burdened with additional housing and other development should have the statistical share of any vote in support or not of any planning and not be subject to any bias from those that are ambivalent of it due to reconfigured boundaries.*
- *As I submitted during the initial review there is no benefit to the residents of The Elms if the development were to be included in the Nailsea boundary. The Council Tax would increase with no consequent improvement in services. The only benefit I can see is to Nailsea Town Council which would see an increase in its revenue. Nailsea TC have claimed that residents in The Elms 'benefit from services provided in Nailsea without having to pay for them.' This statement could equally apply to many of the adjacent parishes such as Backwell, Long Ashton and Flax Bourton however.
Wraxall and Failand Parish Council currently provide an efficient and effective service for parishioners. They have a robust Neighbourhood Plan in place to protect the peaceful rural identity of the area and ensure any future development would be in line with these values. Nailsea TC do not have such a plan as yet.
This idea was mooted some years ago and residents here voted strongly to remain in Wraxall Parish. I cannot see that anything has changed to alter their views.*
- *The Wraxall and Failand Neighbourhood plan upholds and seeks to protect the rural nature of this area. All residents are hoping that this will afford some protection to this valuable area of Green Belt.*
- *I moved to the Elms estate in Wraxall about 12 years ago and they had already voted (significantly) to turn down a proposal to move from the Wraxall & Failand Parish to Nailsea Town. Recently this proposal turned up again and, once again, it was roundly rejected by the residents. It would seem that this latest rejection has been reflected in the Draft Recommendation 10 but to ensure that there can be no doubt, I reject any suggestion of the Elms moving to Nailsea Town. To be clear, I work regularly with the Nailsea Town Council in my role as Chair of the Nailsea Allotment Association and I have no criticism of NTC or its Council Officers. It is simply my view that detaching the Elms from the W&F Parish would benefit neither the residents of the Elms nor the remaining residents of Wraxall & Failand Parish. Happily, that position has been strongly supported by the majority of the Elms residents.*
- *When I moved to the Elms in 2002 I wanted to live in Wraxall.
I know for a fact that moving our boundary is purely to get more money. .
One of the reasons for this is because people on the Elms use facilities in Nailsea.. Nailsea I'm afraid offers very little facilities..
I certainly do not use any facilities in Nailsea infact I visit my daughters in Weston super mare, and use more facilities there, so should we extend our boundary to Weston.
I feel this is another way of forcing the residents on the Elms into something they don't want.
We have already been there before and the residents were respected for their views I hope the outcome will be the same.*
- *No valid reason for it to be changed.
Wraxall and Failand parish council have protected the land around the Elms well, Nailsea council will not do the same and only want the boundary's changed so that they can sell land around the Elms for further housing development, to suggest otherwise is embarrassing. Nailsea does not need to be expanded, doesn't have the infrastructure.*
- *I bought my house because I wanted to live in Wraxall. I don't see the point of changing the boundary other than Nailsea council wanting more money from the residents of the Elms. I have heard that is because we use the facilities in Nailsea..*

I can't think of many facilities I use in Nailsea, my doctor's is in Backwell..

I only go for coffee in Nailsea..

My daughter lives in Weston Super Mare and I use more facilities there than I do in Nailsea. I feel this is not a good excuse just to change the boundary.

- *"NTC gave 1 reason to Square the town with the river. This suggestion is completely unhinged. The boundary line to the north follows roads & hedgerows. The only reason NTC wants any part of this land is the potential payoff from land development. Also rate money from the Elms. At no point did NTC consult Nailsea's residents or the Elms residents. Most residents were completely unaware of NTC deception until I raised this at a residence meeting. Even then they had to be pushed to answer & the town clerk was put out to dry as no councillor would respond. The land to the north is the same land that the council voted at 1 meeting to oppose development then at the very next meeting voted to support the development as they are banking on getting the development money."*
- *"The loss of the Elms development to the Parish of Wraxall and Failand will substantially reduce the income to the Parish which will increase the council tax for Wraxall and Failand residents, which is wholly unfair. The grossly misleading arguments by Nailsea Town Council that the Elms residents use Nailsea facilities is irrelevant. Tickenham, Backwell, Wraxall and Failand, Flax Boughton residents all use Nailsea facilities - and they also do not 'contribute'. The amount of business that local residents such as the Elms bring to Nailsea more than outweighs any unsubstantiated concerns about lack of council tax. Also the claim that Nailsea residents would pay lower council tax is utter rubbish - that would never happen"*
- *Residents of Wraxall and Failand should not have to double or triple their precept contributions (which it will as the figures are CLEAR and available now when comparing the Tax Base for 2026; for no other reason than to support Nailsea's mismanagement of public funds and desperate attempt to generate revenue.*
- *Any development of this land will have a considerable impact on Wraxall and so the land should remain part of Wraxall.*
- *I'm opposed to the ever increasing creep of Nailsea's boundaries in order to satisfy house building targets. It's important historic parish boundaries are respected for ALL residents, the environment and wildlife.*
- *"We are parents at Wraxall school and attend Wraxall church, we are very much Wraxall residents and not Nailsea. The argument that Wraxall residents use Nailsea facilities is correct, but so do Backwell, Chelvey, Failand, and Flax Bourton. The parish council keep the estate tidy, and are very responsive."*
- *The argument does not add up. People from Backwell use Nailsea facilities. Are you saying that if you use the Mall at Cribbs Causeway I should be paying council tax in South Gloucestershire.*
- *I don't think Nailsea should be allowed to annexe part of Wraxall, particularly as it only wants to do so, so it can build houses on it in an unsuitable location.*
- *"The residents whom live in the Elms have overwhelmingly opted to REMAIN in their Current Parish of Wraxall and Failand in Phase 1 of the consultation. Nailsea Town Council are misleading by trying to shape a false narrative that Elms residents use NTC facilities - they do not!! North Somerset Council provide these facilities, for which Council Tax is collected at district level."*

The Council MUST vote in support of this resolution as the voices of the 100s of residents whom live there, have already spoken in Phase 1 and with a consultation questionnaire result."

- We have already voted that the boundary should stay as it is and as far as I can see, this was supported in July. We DO NOT support any future attempts to move this boundary*
- Reducing the influence and council tax receipts of Wraxall and Failand will place a greater burden on the remaining residents, especially as Nailsea residents use the two "B" roads with the dangerous junctions to access Bristol and Long Ashton etc..*
- "this is a simple land grab by Nailsea with negative connotations for W&F
It should be turned down.
Why can mankind not respect boundaries?"*
- I am concerned that Nailsea Town Council have issued leaflets containing, what appears, to be false information that Nailsea residents are subsidising those in the Elms for medical services and Schools. These services are government funded and not funded by Nailsea Town Council.*
- I was horrified to read the flyer that Nailsea Town council put out to their residents. There was mis information within it and it shouldn't have been allowed to be printed - in my opinion it was just to get their residents to vote against this draft recommendation. I will just highlight a couple of points. It clearly stated that the residents of the Elms do not contribute financially towards NTC allotments, medical services and schools. Surely if NTC didn't want the Elms residents having an allotment they should have said no when the application was made! I was under the impression that the Medical services were provided by the NHS and NTC! As for schools! Since when has the NTC been in the business of providing schools. There was no mention of any other users eg Tickenham or Backwell residents just the Elm residents. The flyer gave the impression
that NTC's residents were subsidising the residents of the Elms - it should never have been printed.*
- If it ain't broke, don't fix it*
- I am keen that The Elms should retain the protection of the Wraxall and Failand neighbourhood plan. It is my understanding that Nailsea Town Council does not have such a plan. I consider that this plan is essential in protecting agriculture and green spaces in this area. I am also concerned about the false information from Nailsea Town Council, for example the idea that Nailsea residents are subsidising schools for pupils from Wraxall - this is clearly incorrect as school funding is provided on a national basis and not from the local Town Council.*
- Wraxall and Failand Parish Council have been supportive to residents on The Elms and I am concerned that would change if the area became part of Nailsea Town Council. In particular, The Elms should retain the protection of the Wraxall and Failand neighbourhood plan as I think that this is essential in protecting agriculture and green spaces in this area.*
- Changing the boundary has a negative fiscal impact for Wraxhall and Failand therefore they should remain where they are currently*
- I support the draft recommendation to keep the current parish boundaries, ensuring that The Elms and the undeveloped northern land remain in Wraxall & Failand.*

This approach reflects the wishes of the majority of local residents and respects the distinct rural identity and sense of community that define Wraxall & Failand. The Neighbourhood Plan, widely backed by residents, emphasizes maintaining connectivity, green space, and effective representation tailored to our area's priorities.

Retaining the boundaries means council tax and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding continues to support infrastructure and services that benefit the community directly. Changing the boundary risks diverting resources away from local needs and undermining fair treatment for current residents.

The council's process—including consultations and committee review—shows most submissions also favour no change, and that keeping the boundaries best upholds sound, community-focused governance.

- The information released by Nailsea was very misleading and factually incorrect this isn't fair and doesn't allow residents to make informed decisions and hence this consultation is flawed*
- There is absolutely no sensible rationale to support this proposal. The reasons and information provided by Nailsea Town Council is full of misleading and in places false simply to get their way. This proposal if approved would pull Wraxall apart at its heart.... The Elms and the Land North of Nailsea are a very important parts of Wraxall and should remain so...*
- No changes based on the precept being raised to accommodate the new land It would put further strain on poor services in Nailsea and the shoddy leadership and governance currently in place.*
- As a Nailsea resident I have heard and understood the reasons why Nailsea Town Council wishes to adopt the Elms and the undeveloped land North of Nailsea but I do not think they are compelling enough to change the historic boundary. I also note that Wraxall and Failand Parish Council wishes the boundary to remain as it is and I believe that should be respected. The areas in question have a more rural character than most of Nailsea and for this reason I believe they should remain under the control of a parish council which has a more rural outlook and a better understanding of rural matters than Nailsea Town Council.*
- I am aware that Nailsea Town Council are pushing hard for the boundary to be changed. I cannot help but believe their motivation for this is questionable- including their desire to open more land up (including greenbelt) for development. They have blatantly misled residents with their recent campaign for this boundary change, spreading misinformation and attempting to manipulate Nailsea residents into believing that somehow residents of The Elms are swindling them by using assets of the town but evading any financial contribution to them by paying their council tax to Wraxall and Failand. The services mentioned are not funded by council tax anyway and this dishonest campaign spells manipulation and desperation. It is a divisive and dishonest campaign. It is well known that Nailsea Town Council has plenty of money remaining from the sale of land for development, so why the desperation to get their hands on income from current Wraxall and Failand residents? These areas have their own identities and are perfectly well integrated into both communities (W and F, and Nailsea) and their identities as communities in their own right deserve preservation. Not to mention the fact that, as mentioned earlier, the motivation seems to be to open up land to the north of Nailsea for development.*
- Definitely yes. I was horrified to read in the Nailsea Town council flyer over these issues that part of Wraxall & Failand residents, namely those of the Elms, do not contribute financially to the services they currently use in Nailsea! They highlight the allotments - I don't know if there is anyone on the Elms who has an allotment but why did they allow them in the first place surely it was their choice! I thought Medical services available in Nailsea, which was sighted as another area that only the Elms residents don't financially contribute to were NHS funded! Then the schools - how many are funded by NTC?? I didn't think any. Mis-information that shouldn't have been allowed to be printed. I note it was only the Elms residents that had been singled out - Twickenham, Backwell etc residents surely use the facilities as well. It does not promote good neighbourhood feelings.*

- *This proposal is strongly opposed for several reasons:*
 1. *Loss of Parish Council Revenue:*
The transfer would significantly reduce the income available to Wraxall and Failand Parish Council, limiting its ability to provide services and maintain facilities for residents in the wider parish. This would have a direct and negative impact on the quality of life for the parish as a whole.
 2. *Loss of Community Identity:*
The Elms has historically been part of Wraxall and Failand, and its residents share a sense of belonging to this community. Moving the estate into the Nailsea Town Council area would undermine this established identity and erode long-standing social ties.
 3. *Decline in Local Character and Environment:*
Nailsea Town Council represents a larger, less rural, and less attractive environment compared to Wraxall. Inclusion in the town would mean residents lose the benefits of being part of a smaller, more community-focused parish, which was a key reason many chose to live here in the first place.
 4. *No Tangible Benefits:*
The proposal offers no discernible advantages for Wraxall and Failand Parish Council or the residents of The Elms. On the contrary, it results in financial, social, and cultural losses with no clear gains.
For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reject this proposal and allow The Elms to remain within the parish of Wraxall and Failand. This will ensure the preservation of parish identity, fair distribution of resources, and the continued wellbeing of local residents.
- *We have already voted that the boundary should stay as it is and the planning and regulation committee agreed with this view. I do not see why we are having to tell you again that we want to stay in Wraxall and Failand. Are you going to continue asking the question until you get the answer you clearly want? To be absolutely clear*
WE WANT THE BOUNDARIES TO REMAIN AS THEY ARE.
WE WANT TO STAY IN WRAXALL AND FAILAND
WE DO NOT WANT TO BE PART OF NAILSEA
- *The Elms and the surrounding land should remain within Wraxall and Failand Parish. The boundary change would be a violation of the wishes of us as residents and reduce the power of our Parish Council to protect our interests. Rural residents are being treated as second class citizens in the service of larger more powerful urban interests.*
- *These areas are an important part of the Wraxall & Failand community.*
- *Why are you asking this again, we didn't want it then, we still don't want it, and I very much doubt we'll want it in the future.*
- *I am writing to express my strong support for retaining the current parish boundaries.*
The existing boundaries have served our community well, ensuring effective representation, continuity in service provision, and a strong sense of local identity. Changing these boundaries risks disrupting established community ties and increasing costs for all residents of the current Parish.
I am disappointed by the tactics employed by Nailsea Town Council, particularly the dissemination of misleading information to residents. Contrary to claims made, evidence shows that Wraxall and Failand Parish Council provides support to residents in the

Nailsea area, including financial grants to local organisations and facilities. The suggestion that services would improve under a boundary change is not supported by facts and risks confusing residents about the true implications.

I urge you to respect the views of the community and uphold the current parish boundaries.

- *Just because Nailsea wants it why should they have it. Bullying and no different from Russia wanting Ukraine and Trump wanting whatever he wants.*
- *This land is part of the parish of Wraxall and Failand. Their neighbourhood plan supports keep this a rural community. It is valuable greenbelt land to residents of both Wraxall and Failand and must be protected. Please don't take it away.*
- *The Elms are well outside Nailsea town itself and has a semi-rural location adjacent to open farmland which is the character of Wraxall and Failand as a rural parish. The bid to move The Elms into Nailsea is a blatant power grab as that council looks at the potential extra money it could gain from an enlarged parish precept catchment area.*

The Nailsea Town Council case for taking over the Elms is factually inaccurate as they claim Elms residents do not contribute to services (including schools and medical services) - whereas these facilities are funded nationally. Also, transferring the Elms out of Wraxall & Failand would merely be "robbing Peter to pay Paul" - enriching Nailsea whilst impoverishing Wraxall & Failand.

Nailsea is very proud of the additional services that it wants to take over from North Somerset Council; and is looking to the residents of the Elms to fund their ambitions!

Currently, The Elms, with some large houses, makes an important contribution to an otherwise impoverished rural parish which already makes contributions towards towards Nailsea food banks, Nailsea & District Community Transport and also contributed to the construction of the Nailsea Skate Park.

The Nailsea case for takeover also confounds "Parish Boundaries and Settlement Boundaries". However, these are separate and serve different purposes - the former concerns local administrative boundaries for local governance whereas the latter is a planning tool to control development. There are already examples of where settlement boundaries cross into a neighbouring parish: eg the Weston-Super-Mare built form extends into the parish of Hutton.

From the foregoing, I strongly believe that the Nailsea bid to take over the Elms is flawed on many levels and the existing boundaries should be retained.

- *Wraxall & Failand Parish Council is running things well.*
- 2. *Nailsea Town council does not have a neighbourhood Plan (Wraxall & Failand does).*
- 3. *The Elms residents overwhelmingly wish to remain in Wraxall & Failand, & regard Nailsea Town Council's attempt to take it over as unnecessary & hostile.*
- *Any boundary change would have a negative affect on the entire village of Wraxall. I will pay a higher precept for no benefit and should building taken place to the north of the village my property will be at risk of flooding.*

Nailsea Town Council have issued a leaflet which is misleading implying that Wraxall residents benefit from services in Nailsea. As someone who lives in the village I can NOT have any allotment in Nailsea, the medical services are funded by the NHS not Nailsea Town Council, and my children any many of their friends attended Wraxall CEVA Primary School and St Katherine's Pill - it should not be assumed Nailsea schools are automatically the schools of choice for Wraxall residents.

- *I have lived on The Elms for 27 years, it has always been in Wraxall. NTC have put this proposal forward without any thought or consultation with the people who this would affect. It would have a huge impact on F&WPC as nearly a third of their precept would be lost and the only reason I can see NTC wanting The Elms moved to become part of Nailsea is purely monetary - I, and all the other residents of The Elms, gain absolutely nothing from this boundary change. It also now seems that NTC are using scare tactics to convince residents of Nailsea to get them to vote for the change! The first round of the consultation proved that the residents of The Elms overwhelmingly DO NOT want the boundary changed and I thought this was the end of this! NTC do not have a neighbourhood plan, have no regard or care about the residents they want moved (they have proved this by not even consulting with The Elm's residents) and only want The Elms and the other land for monetary gain.*
- *Transfer is detrimental to our parish and residents will incur a higher cost for the precept and diminish the influence of the parish council. Nailsea has a significantly higher precept and this will impact negatively on residents of the elms. I have lived in the elms for over 25 years and I have strong views that I wish it to remain in the parish of Wraxall which I consider my home.*
- *I strongly oppose to the boundary change. I want to continue being a Wraxall and Failand resident. I do not wish to become a Nailsea resident*
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- *I strongly oppose the boundary change*
- *I prefer to be part of a village and that is the reason I bought a house here.*
- *The fact that Nailsea Town Council have resorted to misinformation and pitted Nailsea residents against those on the Elms is a very good reason not to be part of Nailsea.*
- *Changing the boundary to include The Elms and land north of would severely affect the funds currently gained by Wraxall and Failand. The argument that the residents of the Elms benefit from the facilities of the town of Nailsea should not be taken into account. All villages local to towns will benefit from the facilities and amenities of nearby towns. This does not however give leave to alter boundary lines in order that the town gains additional taxes! Our home was purchased 26 years ago and one of the attractions was because it was Wraxall NOT Nailsea. We have always been satisfied with the level of support we gain from the parish council of Wraxall and Failand. I can only view this endeavour by Nailsea Town Council to effectively 'land grab' as sheer greed. They have hundreds of new build houses that will be contributing to their finances. Wraxall and Failand do not have that luxury. We have seen the misinformation that Nailsea town council have been disseminating to their residents. They should be held to account for this. It is misleading and should be stopped immediately! This subject has already been voted on some years ago and thrown out. Do we not live in a democracy?*
- *We are happy with how everything is and would like to remain within Wraxall and Failand.*
- *those of us living close to the area are alarmed at the likely additional demands of traffic and housing on an already busy Bristol to Nailsea road.*

- *I feel strongly that my residence on The Elms stays in the Parish of Wraxall and Failand. The community are currently working with the Parish Council and North Somerset council to make improvements to the village duck pond situation within the Elms this is ongoing. Our Parish Council is very supportive of the residents within it's parish and I value that. I do not see what The Elms residents making use of schools GPs etc has to do with this as that is paid for through my tax contribution. Wraxall is a happy rural place with it's own identity it should remain so*
 - *The fact that residents of the Elms use facilities in Nailsea is irrelevant, as you could apply this arguement to so many other villages in the UK using facilities of towns in close proximity. Nailsea Town Council have now started a project to lobby local Nailsea residents to get them to support their original proposal. This is an attack and abuse of democracy - so many residents of the Elms have already said no to Nailsea Town Council's proposal but they are now attempting another option to supress the wishes and votes of the residents. Nailsea Town Council have no plans if they did extend the town boundary, all they want is the extra and substantial income. In turn Wraxall and Failand parish would have a severe defecit in their budget.*
 - *I have lived in the area for over 40 years, and before that in Barrow Gurney and do not see any good reason to alter the boundaries. All these villages have a history relative to their parish and this should be retained If you start changing historical boundaries where will it end!*
 - *There is no justification or viable argument for changing the boundaries in question. The suggested change would increase the Council Tax for the Elms' residents and also for the remaining Wraxall and Failand residents for no benefit.*
 - *It's apparently obvious that Nailsea Town Council is only interested in money. Rather than working together with neighbouring parishes. Towns are funded by central councils so the vicinity of a residential dwellings on boundary lines using the town services are relevant all over the country.*
 - *I believe that the main reason for the proposal that The Elms and land currently within the Wraxall and Failand be transferred to Nailsea is so that Nailsea can be seen to reach their new house building quota. They would sacrifice the beautiful landscape by building on Greenbelt. This shouldn't be acceptable.*
 - *I am a resident of The Elms and I strongly believe The Elms should remain part of Wraxall and Failand. I do not want the green belt area around us to be left open to Nailsea Town Council and their desire to sell all available land to developers. We also live in a Band D property and would be unable to pay any more council tax than we already do. Finally, I do not want to be part of a town council who have been spreading misleading and factually incorrect information, as Nailsea Town Council have been doing!*
 - *The current boundaries are key to maintaining the landscape that is so important to the well being and sense of community enjoyed by residents and visitors.*
 - *I don't want an increase in precept council tax. I don't want the value of my property to diminish. It want to stay in Wraxall thank you very much.*
 - *I do NOT wish the Elms to come under Nailsea Town Council*
 - *I live on the Elms and wish to remain a Wraxall resident with my contributions going towards Wraxall and Failand parish. We were married in Wraxall church and feel part of this community.*
- I also do not support the impacts associated with joining NTC including: increased contributions, potential negative impact on my house*

price and mismanagement by Nailsea TC in terms of their development approach.

I support the Wraxall and Failand Neighbourhood plan and strongly feel that the Elms and adjoining undeveloped land should remain within the parish of Wraxall and Failand.

- This geographic area has strong links with the rest of the W&F parish. Most of Nailsea Town Council's reasons for wanting to "take over" this area do not seem to be valid. Schools and primary healthcare services are funded by central government. W&F have a history of making grants to various services which benefit their residences, e.g. skate park, Wellspring, food banks, community transport. There is precedent within North Somerset that Settlement Boundaries can cross Parish Boundaries and this was recognised by NTC's Community Engagement Committee recommendation in September 2025.*
- The parish is a lovely community and at present the size allows it to be very effective with local issues. Residents are heard and their concerns are addressed by the council.*
- I have lived on The Elms for over 20 years and regard myself as a Wraxall resident. I often walk across the fields between The Elms and Wraxall and value the connection. Wraxall is more rural than Nailsea, and culturally I feel Wraxall is a better fit. I have not seen any persuasive reasons for changing the parish boundary but many reasons for leaving it as it is.*
- My family and I have been members of this parish for nearly 30 years; our life has been built around that. Indeed, our church lies in Wraxall as are family members christened and buried there. The implications for a change of boundary are immense. The legal, financial, tax, insurance, banking, health, social ramifications (and no doubt many more) are far reaching, time consuming and costly. Indeed, any change to the boundary will effectively mean moving home without the benefit. Early in our move to the area, there had been an error in the address offered that manifested in so many changes administratively that it gave a very small but pertinent insight to the impact. I don't wish to repeat it.*

In 2009 we were asked our views in a referendum to a boundary change and we voted to remain in Wraxall and Failand parish; our views have not changed since then. There should be no boundary change. Our views on the environment and how the green belt should be managed at that time, was from our experience living within the community of Wraxall and Failand. With no neighbourhood plan, Nailsea will not offer the same protection we sought, and were given, as residents of Wraxall.

I do not support any proposal to change the boundary of Wraxall and Failand.

- This proposal is strongly opposed for several reasons:*

- 1. Loss of Parish Council Revenue:*
- 2. Loss of Community Identity:*
- 3. Decline in Local Character and Environment:*
- 4. No Tangible Benefits:*

The proposal offers no discernible advantages for Wraxall and Failand Parish Council or the residents of The Elms. On the contrary, it results in financial, social, and cultural losses with no clear gains.

- No good reason for change. Wraxall and Failand will look after the Elms needs far better than Nailsea Town council, protecting green belt around the development, not looking to sell land to developers unlike Nailsea Town Council*

For these reasons, I respectfully reject the proposal to include The Elms into the Nailsea area. The Elms should remain within the

parish of Wraxall and Failand. This will ensure the preservation of parish identity, fair distribution of resources, and the continued wellbeing of local residents within the Wraxall and Failand parish.

- It's a sneaky move by the council to try and re-draw the boundary like this. It's just designed to get more money from residents who already pay enough. To say that Elms residents are subsidised by Nailsea residents is deliberately inflammatory and divisive. The main shop I use is Budgens, in Wraxall, I've never used a Nailsea school, never used the allotments and can't get a GP appointment anyway in Nailsea so have had to pay for a private one. This proposal is just a legalised scam.
What I have used, is the minor injuries unit in Clevedon. Do you therefore want to put the Elms into Clevedon? Nonsensical.*
- We live on the Elms and have done for many years. We are very much a part of the Wraxall and Failand community which works well and should not be changed.*
- I strongly believe the Elms should remain as part of Wraxall. There was a referendum previously and all residents wished to remain in Wraxall. I do not understand why we are wasting time having the same thing again. Also I think it is appalling that Nailsea Council have been spreading untrue information. They should be truly ashamed of themselves.*
- The council should listen to the will of the Elms residents on this.*
- The Elms is in Wraxall. It is a normal thing to do, for people to visit their nearest town to use shops/services. Trying to say that everyone who visits a town needs to be brought into the town boundary is silly. For example, people come from the entire of Bristol/North Somerset to visit Ashton Court. Do you say they all therefore live in Long Ashton/Ashton? No, you don't. You know they don't. This is a manipulative council policy disguised as "fairness". Just as the manipulation of the car parking in Nailsea was done under the guise of fairness and consistency across North Somerset.
Why is tax payers' money being used to gaslight us?*
- A change would result in higher council tax burden, the information provided by Nailsea town council has been misleading and incorrect!*
- As a resident of the Elms Estate I wish to remain within the Parish of Wraxall and Failand as this Council fully represents the values and concerns of the residents within the current boundary. Nailsea Town Council are totally incapable of managing their own area and are not joined up on a number of issues (e.g. going against their own Committee recommendations). Within their campaign to land grab the Elms they are also spreading false claims regarding the contributions the residents of the Elms make to the area as a whole.*
- Changing the boundary is a cynical land grab attempt by Nailsea Parish Council and should not be allowed to happen. I vote firmly to keep the boundary as it currently is.*
- There is no benefit for the residence of the Elms with the proposed boundary changes. Nailsea Parish, as far as I can see, does nothing for the Elms, all the services that we receive come from North Somerset Council, but we do use the Wraxall Parish Church and the new Wraxall Temperance House hub (the finance for it was helped by Wraxall Parish council).*
- We are very happy to be part of Wraxall please leave things as they are*
- This is a small area and The Elms is a relatively large number of properties that contribute to parish funds. The work of the parish would undoubtedly be curtailed as a result of this loss of income.
We are proud to be part of this rural parish and have no wish to be part of Nailsea town which has an altogether different feel.*

- *I strongly support the proposal that The Elms remain in Wraxall and Failand. I cannot see the justification for changing this boundary and feel it will only negatively impact on residents and will have little to no tangible benefit to Nailsea*
- *Since moving to Wraxall over 25 years ago, I have been fully supportive of the parish council and how they are committed to both the parish and residents alike.*
This move appears nothing more than a land grab by Nailsea to allow further building and their arguments for the extension of the Nailsea boundary are tenuous at best and misleading at worse.
- *As a resident of the Elms in Wraxall, I do not want to change to the Nailsea Parish. I am against further housing development, and object to paying a higher council tax.*
- *Becoming part of Nailsea would only put up local taxes to the detriment of Wraxall & Failand residence. Nailsea Council does not plan properly and spends finance on unnecessary projects.*
- *This is a self-contained area that is well looked after by its own local council and should not be swallowed up by Nailsea town council.*
- *Nailsea Town Council isn't nearly as responsive as Wraxall and Failand Parish Council if you're reporting anything or asking them to do something. The precept you pay the council will also go up if the Elms become part of Nailsea. The property value on the Elms may go down being part of Nailsea. There is no benefit as a resident of the Elms becoming part of Nailsea.*
- *Keep the boundaries exactly as they are and stop wasting money and resources on needless change*
- *I have lived on the Elma for over 21 years with my wife, 3 boys and I regularly enjoying walks across the fields finding the open space to be regenerative and uplifting from life's daily pressures.*
The change in boundary's would place the unique area at risk of development in my opinion.
- *I share my support for keeping the Elms and the surrounding areas within the Wraxall and Failand parish. I do not wish to be part of the Nailsea parish.*
- *The transfer, were it to take place, would be detrimental to the Parish because:*
Residents of the Elms would have to pay a higher Precept with no benefit for so doing
The influence of the Parish Council would be diminished
A precedent for future boundary changes would be set
The protection offered by the Wraxall and Failand Neighbourhood Plan would be lost
The remaining residents of Wraxall and Failand would suffer an increase in their costs for Parish services.
- *The villages of Wraxall and Failand have less housing stock than Nailsea therefore I feel it would be wrong to reduce their capacity to raise funds. The residents use the services of Nailsea and therefore bring money and business into the town. The parish of Wraxall and Failand has supported Nailsea projects in the past eg the skate park.*
- *Such changes to the W&F Parish boundary would be seriously detrimental to the Parish, Parish Council and would inevitably impact on the rural nature of W&F, its environment, wildlife and residents. Nailsea Town Council is not the least interested in the environment and seems intent on concreting over as much good, viable agricultural land, greenbelt, and wildlife habitat as possible. Please note that the LVA site is NOT greybelt. Nailsea is a dormitory town for Bristol, no more, which seems to have aspirations beyond its remit. Many, many residents of Nailsea are against any more development, as are Wraxall and Failand residents.*

Wraxall and Failand PC should continue to have 11 seats.

The Parishes of Wraxall and Failand, Long Ashton etc. should remain separate.

- *We are Wraxall. Together we stand.*
- *There is no compelling benefit to making a change*
- *As an Elms resident, I strongly support the recommendation to keep the boundaries as they are. The rationale for not proposing amending the boundaries set out in the latest draft recommendations provides clear and convincing reasons and results from the overwhelming response to the first stage proposals.*

Given the strength of the reaction to their original claim, you would think that Nailsea Town Council would concede defeat on this issue, but I understand they are continuing to campaign to gain control. I have seen some of the arguments they are putting to Nailsea residents described as misleading - I would use a stronger word. For example, suggesting that Nailsea residents are subsidising those in the Elms who are using schools and medical facilities in Nailsea is bizarre. Those services are funded by Central Government not Nailsea, so how can there be any such subsidy? I understand that Wraxall & Failand Parish Council and charities have also contributed to various other facilities in Nailsea. I believe that Nailsea TC is also telling its residents that taking control of the Elms and the LVA site would result in a reduction in their council tax. Most unlikely to be true, but if it were it would mean a huge increase in costs for Elms residents and those elsewhere in Wraxall & Failand and seriously undermine the existence of the W&F parish. How is that fair?

All of these, and other, considerations leave me in no doubt which parish I want to live in. Frankly, given its behaviour and performance over this issue, I would be ashamed to be represented by Nailsea Town Council.

- *The transfer of the Elms from Wraxall and Failand Parish Council is totally detrimental to our parish. It will lead to an increase in costs of Parish services for residents of Wraxall and Failand. Also, Nailsea town council does not have a neighbourhood plan to protect agriculture, green spaces and the green belt. A boundary change is contrary to the overwhelming majority of the Elms who elected to remain within Wraxall and Failand Parish in a 2009 referendum.*
- *Any services accessed from Nailsea town is paid for from my taxes or other sources not connected with Nailsea Town Council. We do not get "something for nothing" and it is iniquitous to say residents of the Elms are being subsidised by Nailsea residents*
- *The argument that parishioners of Wraxall and Failand take advantage of the services of Nailsea Town Council is ridiculous in that NTC offer nothing to the residents & the services that we receive are paid for through funding from Central Government. The whole idea is so that North Somerset Council can make a land grab & then develop land for housing at the same time increasing Council Tax. The Parish Council has provided outstanding service to the community and I fear we would not get the same service from NTC*
- *The transfer of the Elms from Wraxall and Failand Parish Council would be detrimental for residents, as residents would incur a higher cost for the precept and diminishing the influence of the Parish council. I see no advantage of moving to Nailsea Town Council.*
- *Nailsea TC have made no attempt to persuade Elms residents that redefining the boundaries will provide them with any advantage. I consider it a cynical attempt to expand control and council tax income to the detriment of local residents through a campaign of reality distortion.*

- *I support the proposal that The Elms and surrounding land should remain within Wraxall and Failand Parish. I reside on The Elms and value the protection of surrounding green belt land covered by the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan. I am also concerned that there would be a significant increase in council tax by becoming part of Nailsea.*
- *I support the Elms and surrounding land remaining within the Wraxall and Failand parish. The impact of a boundary change would adversely affect me. I wish to save the identity and future of the Wraxall and Failand parish. I can see no benefit to the existing residents of any boundary change.*
- *I can see no good reason for changing the boundaries. The leaflet issued by Nailsea was very misleading. I think that it is important for the different parishes to retain their individuality.*
- *The people living in this area chose by referendum to remain in Wraxall and Failand parish.*
- *The ongoing plans for development of housing etc which Nailsea council want to see is considered NOT sustainable. Keep the Elms and the land N and E of Nailsea under Wraxall and Failand control*
- *We are STRONGLY behind the proposal that The Elms and Surrounding Land should REMAIN within the Wraxall & Failand Boundary and NOT be included in the boundary of Nailsea. Wraxall and Failand Parish would be adversely affected by such change for no positive gains for either them or the residents of The Elms. The only beneficiaries will be greedy, opportunistic Nailsea Town Council.*
- *Wraxall is a beautiful small village and I am very proud to live here, I certainly do not want to be associated with Nailsea. I chose to live here because it is Wraxall.*
- *Always been part of Wraxall and Failand - no need to change. Greed on behalf of Nailsea parish.*
- *Wraxall and Failand manage their affairs significantly better than the shambles that is Nailsea Town Council. We are proud to be part of Wraxall and Failand and support their parish plan. Nailsea Town Council should be admonished for the appalling untruths they have spread in an attempt to gain control of this area.*
- *There has been 2 previous consultations on this land grab by Nailsea Town Council. In 2009 I and neighbours on the Elms organised a petition of Elms residents and unanimously the response was to stay in Wraxall. In 2009 I was chairman of the Wraxall and Failand Parish Plan. We again included this topic in the Questionnaire. Of the Elms residents that replied there was a 75% rejection of the change to the boundary.*
I do not believe the opinion will have changed in the last 15 years
- *I am very happy with the way Wraxall and Failand Parish Council manages the area and indeed do not agree with the policies adopted by Nailsea Town council in regard to planning and loss of green belt. I am a resident of the Elms in Wraxall and wish to remain so!*
- *I live in the affected area and DO NOT wish for it to be changed from Wraxall to Nailsea as it would have a detrimental effect on the value of my property and would likely cause an increase in my council tax*
- *Wraxall is a small parish and should be supported and should be allowed to protect the land from further development- there are enough new houses going up in Nailsea and the services can't cope with anymore*
- *I have lived in the parish of Wraxall and Failand for 25 years and have been very happy with the services they have provided and feel very strongly that any changes would not be in my favour. The reasons that NTC are giving for the proposed changes are nothing more than excuses to gain land for yet more building.*

- *We, as a family wish to express our support for The Elms and the surrounding land to remain within Wraxall and Failand Parish due to the unwanted impact of a boundary change on us and fellow residents in The Elms.
The boundaries should remain as they are.*
- *I support the Elms remaining within Wraxall and Failand Parish.*
- *I think that the Nailsea boundary should remain the same. The argument that has been put forward to suggest we are not contributing to these particular services seems extremely weak. Specially as they have mentioned allotments, citizens advice, youth clubs, community HUB and the skate park. Allegedly, we are not contributing to these services that we are supposed to be using as members of the Elms.*

If these are the arguments that put forward a claim for the boundary line to be moved this seems very poor.

- *I believe the land that now forms the Elms was once part of Lord Wraxall's Tyntesfield Estate. The Elms should remain within Wraxall and Failand Parish.*
- *The entire area between Wraxall and Failand and Nailsea is and should remain in Green Belt*
- *We wish the boundary to remain as it is. Otherwise any land lost (due to a boundary change) will be removed from the protection of the Wraxall and Failand Neighbourhood Plan which focuses on the protection of agriculture and green spaces. Nailsea Town Council does not have a Neighbourhood plan.*

Also, Wraxall and Failand Parish Council have already held a vote on this matter and the results overwhelmingly indicated that local residents wished to remain within the existing boundary.

- *We retired to this area 18 yrs ago and specifically chose to live on "The Elms" in Wraxall for it's rural and peaceful location, not Nailsea with it sprawling mix of housing and industrial areas. Wraxall & Failand Parish Council have served us well during this time, keeping us informed and involved in the community, including seeking input & feedback to their Neighbourhood Parish Plan.*

The proposal to incorporate Wraxall into Nailsea is driven by the financial greed of NTC and if implemented would cause an unnecessary and disproportionate financial burden on the remaining residents of Wraxall & Failand.

- *The distinct identity of the area is important and I believe the current parish arrangements better reflect and engage with local needs than consuming The Elms into Nailsea. While residents of the Elms do go into Nailsea we equally use services in Bristol, Clevedon, Failand and other areas.*

I am concerned that Nailsea town council have provided misleading information to their residents suggesting that Elms residents are not paying for some services used within Nailsea where these are in fact funded by general council tax or national taxation.

- *Why the need change something that isn't broken?*
- *The parish boundaries have been in place for many years.*

I think they should remain in place.

It has been pointed out that The Elms use the facilities of Nailsea which is irrelevant as so do Backwell, Tickenham and probably Ling Ashton and Clevedon.

As Nailsea also use Clevedon and Backwell swimming pools, among other things.

It is not an argument.

- *Nailsea Town Council have shown a total disregard for residents of the Elms with their attempt at a land and money grab through deception.*
- *We need the Parish to increase rather than decrease with regards to funding local facilities.*
- *The boundary should remain as it is to ensure that the parish of Wraxall and Failand remains sustainable. Nailsea is forecast to grow substantially and it doesn't need to take in the Elms.*
- *The residents of the Elms clearly wish to remain within Wraxall & Failand*
- *If it's not broken why fix it!*
Happy as we are!
- *Wraxal and Failand will loose it's identity to Nailsea which I am strongly against*
- *I do not want to be "moved" from Wraxall parish council to Nailsea Town Council!!!!*
Please ensure this move does NOT happen.
Thank you
- *I don't want this boundary change!!!!*
Please leave us alone and stop Nailsea from messing around with us.
Thank you
- *As a resident of The Elms I am happy to remain within the parish of Wraxall and Failand. I see no benefit to the residents in this changing and the arguments for changing this for example use of Nailsea or Backwell schools are not relevant as schools, NHS etc come from other funding pots, plus you could then argue should Yatton for example come under Nailsea as many children from Yatton go to Backwell school. Much of the rhetoric I hear originating from Nailsea parish council who support this change is not about supporting and caring for the residents of the Elms but appears to be about Nailsea Parish Council benefitting from the rates paid by residents of the Elms.*
- *I support the draft recommendation to keep the current parish boundaries, ensuring that The Elms and the undeveloped northern land remain in Wraxall & Failand.*
This approach reflects the wishes of the majority of local residents and respects the distinct rural identity and sense of community that define Wraxall & Failand. The Neighbourhood Plan, widely backed by residents, emphasizes maintaining connectivity, green space, and effective representation tailored to our area's priorities.
Retaining the boundaries means council tax and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding continues to support infrastructure and services that benefit the community directly. Changing the boundary risks diverting resources away from local needs and undermining fair treatment for current residents.
The council's process—including consultations and committee review—shows most submissions also favour no change, and that keeping the boundaries best upholds sound, community-focused governance.
- *I believe that the current borders and the Elms governed by Wraxall & Failand fully supports the views of local residents which is to maintain the current green belt. This is both from an environmental view and also to maintain the general beauty of the Wraxall area.*

- *I was concerned to read Nailsea Town Council leaflet as it wasn't correct*
The current boundary is an important part of Wraxall and the identity of the area there are no tangible benefits for residents of this was to change
- *The boundary has been in place for many years creating a sense of belonging to those residents who live and enjoy life within the areas on either side. The boundary serves a purpose of clearly identifying an area and the people who live there. The proposal put forward by Nailsea for this suggested change is flawed at best and misleading at worse. The information provided by Nailsea Town Council and passed to residents and anyone walking through Nailsea Town is full of misleading information and untruths. There is no basis for this proposal and therefore the boundary should remain as-is.*
- *We support leaving the Wraxall & Failand boundary WELL ALONE !*
- *There would seem no logical reason for this boundary change. It will adversely affect the residents of the Elms and, at face value, is simply an attempt by NTC to secure future income from any development of the currently undeveloped green belt land to the north. NTC were completely unable to defend, or explain the timing of this requested boundary change at a NTC meeting I attended recently.*
- *There is no need to change the boundary. Nailsea Town Council hope to benefit financially by the proposed change, sacrificing the Green Belt land to a speculative future housing development and bringing residents of the Elms into their parish, to the financial detriment of the residents there. There is no planned improvement to infrastructure and this is a lazy way of hoping to raise money for Nailsea, without any effort being made on their part. Local people deserve a better, planned future, with some joined-up thought processes behind decisions being made on their behalf.*
- *I cannot improve on your officer's report.*

I have therefore reproduced the report with a small addition and some corrections.

Draft recommendation 10: That the residential area known as The Elms and the undeveloped area to the north remain in Wraxall & Failand

In response to a submission received from Nailsea Town Council, with support from five residents and two elected members, that the Nailsea boundary be extended to follow the Land Yeo (River), which wraps around the town to the North and East. This amendment would impact the houses in "The Elms" (currently in Wraxall & Failand), which, given their proximity, would join the existing Nailsea Golden Valley parish ward.

See Appendix N for a map illustrating this change

The rationale behind this proposal was as follows:

- *Natural boundaries – Clearly defined and more permanent than housing development boundaries, which are likely to change over time.*
- *Community use – The Elm's residents benefit from facilities in Nailsea but do not contribute to their upkeep.*
- *Shared identity – The Elms would appear to be more aligned with Nailsea than Wraxall & Failand.*

The rationale for not proposing amending the boundary as a draft recommendation for change.

Opposition:- Over 69% of the submissions received during the first-stage consultation related specifically to this proposal, with all respondents expressing strong opposition for the following reasons:

- *Loss of community identity.*

- A primary aim of a CGR is to ensure governance arrangements reflect the local community's identity. Opposing submissions indicate this proposal would not align with that identity.
- A preference of Wraxall & Failand Parish Council over Nailsea Town Council.
- The submissions opposing this proposal indicated that the existing electoral arrangements facilitate effective and convenient community governance, which is a key objective of a CGR.
- Concerns regarding the green belt and Nailsea's lack of Neighbourhood Plan. Draft recommendation 10: That the residential area known as The Elms and the undeveloped area to the north remain in Wraxall & Failand
- An important aim of a CGR is to ensure that governance arrangements serve the interests of the community. The feedback received suggests that this proposal would not do so.
- Impact on Council tax. • The Elms residents would see a potential increase in council tax of £60.05 (Band D).
- Detrimental impact on Wraxall and Failand Parish Council. • Under this proposal, 324 properties comprising 679 electors would be transferred from Wraxall and Failand Parish to Nailsea. This represents approximately 35% of the total electorate of Wraxall and Failand. Such a change would not only result in a potential reduction in the parish council's council tax precept of approximately -36.6% but would also significantly diminish the pool of residents eligible to stand for election as parish councilors. Arguably, both these consequential matters could be detrimental to effective community governance.
- Historic support for The Elms to remain part of Wraxall & Failand.
- A significant number of submissions referred to a 2009 referendum (I was the Chairman of Wraxall and Failand PC at that time) in which residents of The Elms voted overwhelmingly to remain within the parish of Wraxall and Failand.

Neighbourhood plan and CIL implications

Comments from planning:

The Elms – There would be neighbourhood plan and CIL implications. Properties at the Elms are currently covered by the Wraxall and Failand neighbourhood plan policies. It is our current understanding that the policies would continue to apply, but any future development within The Elms would pay CIL to Nailsea rather than Wraxall and Failand (although we don't anticipate any significant housebuilding within this area, it is already built out).

North Nailsea – This is a potential residential development in the local plan, and there is a current planning application being considered for 381 dwellings. Under current arrangements, they would be in Wraxall and Failand and would pay CIL and council tax to them. If the boundary changes, the CIL and council tax would go to Nailsea.

Accordingly, North Somerset Council officers consider that no further feedback would be secured by presenting this proposal as a draft recommendation for change during the second-stage consultation.

- *Why does the boundary need to change, this is so Nailsea council can push forward the development of houses on green belt land, that is currently in the boundary of Wraxall & Failand, gaining funds from this development?
I strongly opposed to this boundary change, please build new homes on brown sites and under development sites, rather areas of natural beauty.*
- *The boundary should remain as it is as there is absolutely no meaningful reason to change how it is.*

- *There's no benefit for me for the The Elms to move into Nailsea. I would potentially end up paying more Council Tax for no return. I am further concerned that this would lead to further development in the Wraxall area.*
- *The present arrangement works well, the Elms is well represented by its councillors. There is no reason for a change in the boundary.*
- *As a resident of Wraxall with friends who live in the elms and whose children attend the same school as my children, I think it's important to me that we share a sense of local identity. We are a distinct community and not part of Nailsea.*
- *Because the dividing line between Wraxall and Nailsea is and has always been Lodge Lane, and The Elms lies to the Wraxall side of Lodge Lane.*

The area of land north of Nailsea has always been Wraxall parish land, Nailsea TC has no right to claim it as their own in the same way that Russia cannot claim Ukraine by force. This is bully boy tactics by Nailsea TC and just not on, they should respect the boundary in the same way that Wraxall residents respect it. This is also Green Belt land, NTC cannot just claim it as their own. It is also part of the Wraxall Neighbourhood plan, not Nailsea.

I strongly oppose to the boundary being changed and that all land of The Elms and the area north of Nailsea remaining within the Wraxall parish.

- *Since Nailsea Town Council (NTC) has a higher precept cost than Wraxall changing the boundary would increase council tax for Elms residents. However, it would also negatively affect remaining residents of Failand and Wraxall as it would increase the cost of Parish Services. Moreover, NTC does not have Neighbourhood Plan indicating to me that they would not prioritise the protection of agriculture and green spaces.*

Moreover, it was disappointing to see that NTC publish a campaign leaflet full of misinformation designed to cause division among Nailsea residents and Wraxall and Failand residents. For example, the claim that NTC were subsidising Education and medical services among other for the Elm residents. Therefore I would not want to be governed by such deceit.

- *It was terribly disappointing to be handed a copy of Nailsea's Future leaflet and subsequently discover there were several assertions that Nailsea residents were subsidising Elms residents e.g. Medical Services and Schools etc....*

I depend on Councillors to provide me with information that is not misleading. I need to be able to trust the people in local and central government.

Diving deeper into Nailsea's Future leaflet I can only conclude that Nailsea Town Council would not act in my best interests.

I am content with the work of Wraxall and Failand and therefore strongly believe I should continue giving them my unequivocal support.

- *I strongly feel that subsuming the current Wraxall and Failand boundaries into Nailsea would serve no benefit to residents who live in Wraxall and Failand. Large parts of Wraxall and Failand are much more rural than most of Nailsea and are better served as they currently are with their own Parish Council rather than being served by Nailsea Town Council.*
- *I feel that increasingly traditional boundaries are being eroded, often to the detriment of smaller parishes. Although Wraxall and Failand residents pay less council tax, we have less facilities. In any event, many of the services provided in Nailsea ((Health Centre, Schools) are funded by the Government. Wraxall and Failand residents deserve their own identity and Parish Council.*
- *Wraxall and Failand Parish Council provide currently represent the residents of the parish efficiently and effectively. A move to Nailsea Town Council would result in increased costs via the precept and poorer representation . I fail to see, nor have I heard from Nailsea TC, any benefit whatsoever to residents on The Elms of a change.*

It seems like an attempt by Nailsea TC purely for their own financial gain.

Wraxall and Failand Parish Council have in place a Neighbourhood Plan drawn up in consultation with residents to ensure any further development in the area is appropriate and protects the green belt and public open spaces. Nailsea TC have no such plan in place. Furthermore Nailsea TC are distributing leaflets in support of their aspirations which contain false and misleading information eg regarding the funding of schools and medical services which are NOT funded through the local precept.

A referendum held several years ago resulted in strong opposition the last time this change was proposed. The first round consultation of the current review has also proved that feelings amongst the residents of The Elms are as strong as ever in their opposition to it. We are happy to be part of the largely rural parish of Wraxall and Failand and do not want to be a part of Nailsea.

- Historically, the Elms estate has always been within the Wraxall & Failand parish boundary and I wish it to remain so as living here I feel more a part of Wraxall than Nailsea. It would be detrimental to Wraxall & Failand PC to lose the Elms, rendering the Parish Council weaker both financially and administratively. Critically Wraxall & Failand Parish has a Neighbourhood Plan which Nailsea does not have, therefore this area would lose some protection by becoming a part of Nailsea. I understand that an argument has been put forward by Nailsea Town Council that residents of the Elms are using facilities in Nailsea without paying towards them whereas there is evidence to indicate that Wraxall and Failand PC has made contributions towards some of the services Nailsea provides. In any event, residents from other neighbouring villages such as Backwell, Tickenham, Cleeve and Brockley also use facilities in Nailsea, therefore this is not a valid reason to change the Wraxall Parish boundary.*

If the Elms were to be transferred to Nailsea residents of this estate would have to pay more council tax and the residents remaining within Wraxall and Failand parish would also have to pay more to make up the shortfall which seems unreasonable for everyone.

I see that North Somerset Council and Nailsea Town Council's Community Engagement Committee have recommended that the Elms estate remains within its existing parish and I am in agreement with their recommendations.

- Nailsea does not have a local plan and by joining them the areas identified will be put under the strain of their poor leadership, higher precept and reduced care.*
- It works perfectly well as it is, why waste time and money on this scheme which has no benefits to the residents of Wraxall or the Elms in particular*
- We chose to live in Wraxall and in particular on the development known as The Elms, and have lived in three different properties here for well over 20 years. We wish to remain in the parish and be protected by the Wraxall and Failand neighbourhood plan, which focuses on the areas over which we have big concerns; local agriculture, green spaces and the green belt. These are areas we considered thoroughly when deciding on where we would make our home.*

My husband's grandparents and close family members are buried in our parish church. His grandfather worked for the Wraxall estate. If we wanted to be part of Nailsea, we would have bought a house there.

We are unhappy that Nailsea Town Council have issued leaflets that contain misleading and or inaccurate information such as a reference to non contribution by The Elms residents towards certain services, including schools and medical; and also including the misleading statement "the inclusion of the Elms and LVA site within Nailsea could result in Nailsea resident's council tax".

Therefore we vote that the Elms and any undeveloped area to the north remain in Wraxall and Failand.

- *I believe that Nailsea Town Council are not able to provide an adequate service for Nailsea as it stands, let alone increasing the boundaries to include Wraxall and the Elms. I strongly believe that Wraxall and the Elms should be left as they are, staying in Wraxall and Failand and not allow Nailsea Town Council to increase their boundary.*
- *I believe that Nailsea Town Council are incapable of providing an adequate service for Nailsea as it is and should not be allowed to increase their boundary.*
I strongly believe that Wraxall and the Elms should not adopted by Nailsea Town Council and should remain as they are staying in Wraxall and Failand.
- *Stop building on farm land*
- *The character of all the areas covered by Wraxall and Failand boundaries is consistent and shares a common history that requires a dedicated and consistent oversight to ensure that its unique character is retained and not diluted or destroyed via the effects of parish boundary changes.*
The considerable effort of the Parish Council and local residents to generate a dedicated Neighbourhood Plan clearly demonstrates that this is valued and important, requiring a diligent, thoughtful approach to ensure that the interests, amenities and uniqueness of local community life can be sustained efficiently and effectively.
- *The transfer of the Elms would be detrimental to our Parish. Any land lost or residential dwellings lost would be removed from the protection of the Wraxall and Failand Neighborhood Plan which focuses on the protection of agriculture, green spaces and the Green Belt. NTC does not have a Neighbourhood Plan and is therefore unable to offer the same protection.*
All the reasons given by NTC that the residents of the Elms do not contribute to, but use the Nailsea facilities are incorrect.
- *I am a great respecter of history and see no good and valid reason to change the historical boundaries which have always worked perfectly well.*
After careful thought, and consideration, I see no point in changing the boundaries.
- *The area currently falls under the recently confirmed Wraxall and Failand neighbourhood plan. This is green belt land which the neighbourhood plan seeks to protect.*
- *I do not accept the arguments for and against changing the boundary and therefore request that the status quo remains. I wish the Elms area to remain in its current rural setting and do not wish to see further development which will impact on the environment, wild life and flood plain.*
- *The boundary change would mean remaining people living in Wraxall and Failand would face extra costs for Parish services and the residents of The Elms would face a higher Precept.*
- *There should be no change in the boundary and this land and areas should remain in Wraxall and Failand parish.*
Many people responded to this consultation first time and these should be carried on to this consultation as peoples views are unlikely to have changed.
We don't vote twice in general elections so why are the council asking people to re vote when the outcome was that these areas remain in the Wraxall and Failand Parish!
I feel very frustrated with North Somerset council that residents are asked to keep re voting. People are not made aware that their previous votes and views are not accepted. There is never any publication in the press to inform people that the council are not carrying

over views each time the vote is out for consultation.

How is it legal that the first votes are not counting,I feel very frustrated with NSC.

I also understand that Nailsea town council have been encouraging their residents to vote for a boundary change!

These boundaries should Not be changed .

- *I have lived at BS48 1BN for over 45 years and am proud to be part of the Wraxall and Failand community. If the boundary change were to be made it would incur higher Council Tax for us all let alone changing our addresses on numerous amounts of paperwork, including bank accounts, passports, driving licences, to name but a few. So please leave the boundary as it stands.*
 - *The greenbelt area should stay undeveloped*
 - *The reason for my answer is in fully in line with the rationale detailed in the draft Community Governance Review 2025 document. This indeed follows the comments raised by local residents (of which I am one) during stage 1 of this consultation. I am delighted the Council have listened to the original concerns raised.*
 - *As a resident of the Elms I believe it should remain in the Wraxall & Failand parish to reflect it is part of Wraxall not Nailsea.*
 - *I live in The Elms, in 15 Green Pastures Road, and feel strongly that this should remain part of Wraxall. I feel its fundamental to the identity of the area, and as a resident, something I wholeheartedly hope continues.*
 - *Wraxall and Failand have a neighbourhood plan focusing on the protection of agriculture, green spaces and the Green belt. This is very important to me. The fields next to the elms are home to crayfish, kingfisher, heron, egret, buzzard and deer and many other species of bird and mammals.*
- I wish to see the Elms and the surrounding land to the north and northeast of Nailsea remain within the Wraxall and Failand Parish.*
- *Why change this, and incur the cost that goes with making such a change in view of the current state of local government finances. The status quo works well and has done for many years.*
 - *The Elms is a thoughtfully designed and distinctive community, comprising a rich mix of housing types—flats, semi-detached and detached homes, and social housing. It bears little direct connection with Nailsea and has a clear and well-established community identity aligned with Wraxall and Failand Parish. Indeed, four of our current parish councillors reside within The Elms.*

This distinction is longstanding: in 2009, a local referendum was held in which residents of The Elms voted overwhelmingly to remain within Wraxall and Failand Parish. That decision reflected the community's sense of identity and belonging, which remains unchanged today.

The second area included in this proposal comprises open Green Belt land to the north of Nailsea, currently used for grazing by a herd of Belted Galloway cattle and is an important part of open spaces within our Parish.

The boundary change proposed by Nailsea Town Council affecting The Elms and adjoining undeveloped land to the north of Nailsea, was originally supported by only two elected members and five residents. During the First Stage Consultation, it has received an overwhelming and strongly expressed response from residents of Wraxall and Failand Parish, the vast majority of whom opposed the proposal.

During the initial consultation, over 69% of all submissions received by North Somerset Council related specifically to this proposal, with

respondents expressing clear and consistent opposition. The key reasons cited included:

1. Loss of community identity

One of the principal aims of a Community Governance Review (CGR) is to ensure that governance arrangements reflect and strengthen local community identity. The feedback received demonstrates that this proposal would not achieve that aim.

2. Preference for Wraxall and Failand Parish Council over Nailsea Town Council

Residents expressed confidence in the current governance arrangements, which they believe provide effective and convenient community representation—another key objective of a CGR.

3. Concerns regarding the Green Belt and Nailsea's lack of a Neighbourhood Plan

The proposal fails to serve the long-term interests of the local community. Wraxall and Failand Parish has an adopted Neighbourhood Plan, developed through extensive community engagement, which now carries planning weight. Nailsea Town Council, by contrast, does not have such a plan in place.

4. Impact on Council Tax

The change would result in an average increase of £60.05 (Band D) in council tax for residents of The Elms (current Precept levels).

5. Detrimental impact on Wraxall and Failand Parish Council

The transfer of 324 properties comprising 679 electors—approximately 35% of the parish electorate—would have a profound negative effect on the sustainability of the Parish Council. It would reduce the council's precept by approximately 36.6% and significantly diminish the pool of eligible residents able to stand for election. Both outcomes would undermine effective local governance and community representation.

Wraxall and Failand Parish Council also conducted its own parish-wide survey, sending 1,034 questionnaires and receiving 667 valid responses—a 65% response rate. Of those, 89% of respondents stated they wished The Elms and the surrounding land to remain within Wraxall and Failand Parish. Responses were received from across the parish, with particularly strong engagement from residents of The Elms. This overwhelming opposition reinforces the view that the proposed boundary change lacks community support. Wraxall and Failand Parish is almost entirely washed over by Green Belt, yet remains under significant development pressure. There are already proposals for approximately 350 new homes to the north, 300 to the east, and a potential 500 near Failand.

Recognising the importance of shaping development responsibly, the parish embarked on the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan. This plan was community-led and took three years to complete. It was reviewed by an independent planning inspector and approved by a referendum, achieving one of the highest turnouts for any Neighbourhood Plan in North Somerset. Its policies are now part of planning law.

The Neighbourhood Plan ensures that future development reflects the rural character of the parish—emphasising open spaces, sustainable design, and active travel. It also helps the community mitigate the impact of increased traffic and other pressures resulting from growth around Nailsea.

All this work—and the protections it affords—would be undermined if the boundary were changed. Nailsea Town Council currently has no Neighbourhood Plan, meaning this land would lose its locally defined planning protections and community voice.

It is rare to see such a clear and widespread desire among residents to maintain the status quo. However, the evidence from both

formal consultation and parish engagement demonstrates beyond doubt that a boundary change does not reflect the wishes, identity, or best interests of the Wraxall and Failand community.

Accordingly, Wraxall and Failand Parish Council strongly supports the retention of the current parish boundaries. This was supported by NSC Councillors at the Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting on 16th July 2025, where it was proposed “Accordingly, North Somerset Council officers consider that no further feedback would be secured by presenting this proposal as a draft recommendation for change during the second-stage consultation.”

- *I am fully in support of the draft recommendation to keep the current parish boundaries as they currently exist, for the following reasons:*
 1. *Retaining the land means that it continues to be governed by WFP's objective of protecting the agriculture, green spaces and Green Belt area. It should also be recognised that it also protects Nailsea residents from urban sprawl surrounding their town.*
 2. *Maintaining the Precept income to WFP is beneficial to other WFP residents and continues support for the services that WFP provides.*
 3. *There will be no loss of services for WFP residents. NTC are arrogant to believe that residents rely solely on local traders, particularly after the recent introduction of car park charges, driving people to clog-up surrounding residential roads to the detriment of local residents.*
- *I strongly agree with Wraxall & Failand PC's response to the second phase of the consultation. The responses to both the first phase of the consultation and the parish council's own parish survey were clear and unambiguous - in each case there was a high response rate with overwhelming support for the parish boundaries to remain unchanged.*

It is unclear why NSC decided to repeat this question for this phase of the consultation, given that recommendation of NSC Councillors at the Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting on 16th July 2025 was that the current parish boundaries should be retained. It is possible that the response rate for residents in our parish will be reduced as they may believe that their first response was sufficient. However, misleading and inaccurate information in flyers circulated by Nailsea Town Council undermine community cohesion and may influence Nailsea residents to vote differently.

As such it is recommended that these factors are considered when analysing the results of this consultation.

Wraxall & Failand Parish Council has worked effectively with Nailsea Town Council in the past in various areas of common interest, eg improvements in Active Travel eg the Festival Way and supported community infrastructure, eg a grant towards the construction of the Skate Park.

Furthermore, there is a Neighbourhood Plan for Wraxall & Failand and not for Nailsea. This provides protection and has to be considered in any new development whether speculative or in the New Local Plan. There is the potential for this to be undermined by a boundary change, particularly for the land to the north of Nailsea. The existence of the Neighbourhood Plan demonstrates that Wraxall & Failand Parish Council is effective in representing its residents.

I strongly support the retention of the existing parish boundaries
- *The residents of The Elms and any new properties built within the existing Wraxall and Failand parish boundaries would lose the protection of a Neighbourhood plan which Nailsea does not have and they would also pay a higher council tax precept than Wraxall and Failand. Nailsea Town Council have produced their own leaflet about the boundary change which is not only misleading but*

factually incorrect and could therefore affect the views of Nailsea residents making their responses to this consultation questionable. If the boundary were to change then it would create a precedent elsewhere in North Somerset.

- I moved to Wraxall over ten years ago to enjoy my retirement in a peaceful, close-knit community. Since then, this village has truly become my home, and I've grown deeply attached to the people, the surroundings, and the strong sense of belonging that Wraxall offers.*

I am very concerned about the proposed boundary changes, which could affect not just my home but many others in the area. These aren't just minor adjustments—they risk disrupting the community spirit that makes Wraxall so special. At my stage in life, stability and community are more important than ever, and the idea of being moved out of the parish I chose to settle in is deeply upsetting.

We already made our voices heard back in 2009, voting to remain part of Wraxall and Failand Parish Council. That choice still matters today, and I sincerely ask that it be respected. Please keep the boundaries as they are—for the sake of all of us who call Wraxall home.

- I am a resident of Wraxall, and I am deeply concerned about the proposed boundary changes that could affect my home, many other properties, and surrounding land.*

This is not just about lines on a map—it's about our sense of belonging and the community we've built over the years. My home has always been part of Wraxall, and I've been proud to contribute to the life of the parish. Changing the boundary would undermine the identity of our area and place an unfair financial burden on the residents who remain.

We already made our position clear in 2009 when we voted to stay within Wraxall and Failand Parish Council. That decision still reflects the will of the community today. I urge you to respect that choice and keep our boundaries unchanged.

- I firmly believe that the current arrangement should be maintained.
W & Failand Parish council have represented my feelings in a positive way.*

I can see no benefit in playing around with the boundaries.

The parish council is close to all what matters in the area.

- I am a resident of Wraxall and have been so for 27 years. I am deeply concerned about the proposed boundary changes that could affect my home, many other properties, and surrounding land.*

This is not just about lines on a map—it's about our sense of belonging and the community we've built over the years. My home has always been part of Wraxall, and I've been proud to contribute to the life of the parish. Changing the boundary would undermine the identity of our area and place an unfair financial burden on the residents who remain.

We already made our position clear in 2009 when we voted to stay within Wraxall and Failand Parish Council. That decision still reflects the will of the community today. I urge you to respect that choice and keep our boundaries unchanged.

- This recommendation is well supported, evidenced by the response to the first stage of the Consultation.
There has recently been consultation and a vote in the Parish regarding the Neighbourhood plan. The change to the boundary would transfer these areas to Nailsea Town Council who do not have a neighbourhood plan. It would also go against the outcome of the referendum for The Elms residents in 2009 who elected to remain in the Wraxall and Failand Parish.*

Nailsea Town Council (NTC) are suggesting in leaflets that their residents are subsidising services for the residents of The Elms. They have retracted some of these claims on their website, but state that the Elm's residents are able to enjoy facilities provided by the council. However that it a broad stroke claim that does not reflect the complexity of how many of these services are or have been

funded. In the 2024/25 budget, forecast income for allotments was expected to cover expenditure and no subsidy requirement was anticipated. There is no mention that Wraxall and Failand Parish Council provided a grant for the Skate park, when it was being built or that the Citizens Advice Bureau is a charity, not a NTC service, and in 2024, NTC's grant of £20,042 was less than 2% of the charity total income of £1,230,430. Wraxall Charities CIO have provided grants to Nailsea based organisations such as Wellspring and the Community Foodbank. It is not one way traffic as they suggest.

The leaflet also claims that the boundary change could result in a reduction in Nailsea resident's council tax, but this is highly unlikely to come to pass as the council themselves have stated that it will increase due to devolved services being transferred from North Somerset Council.

- I believe the boundary change will increase my costs, will be detrimental to the parish and will reduce the influence of the parish council which is more appropriate for the current nature of the parish and its residents.*
- Changing the boundary will increase costs for me and would result in less representative local governance for the rural area I live in.*
- The boundary is a historic boundary. The resident of the elms live in Wraxall and a part of the community.*
- Wraxall and Failand Parish Council have worked hard over the years to protect the green areas we are surrounded by. I see this proposed boundary change resurfacing just as North Somerset is suggesting to build a mass amount of new houses right across the green areas that the boundary change will encompass, as no coincidence. It is a money making scheme and nothing to do with the good of the community.*

Nailsea Parish Council, does not have a neighbourhood plan, and does not represent the best interests of the residents. In fact, at no point has it been suggested as to why we should become part of Nailsea. There's been no 'selling points' to the proposals, or even the slightest suggestion as to why this is a good or positive idea. In fact, no suggestion why it has been proposed at all, other than it has been proposed. Gaining The Elms is a massive win for Nailsea council's financial black hole, plus by adding the newly acquired green spaces to develop, a future bonus. This financial win for Nailsea will be a massive financial loss for Wraxall and Failand PC, which will then need to be filled by the remaining residents of Wraxall and Failand.

Additionally if large parts of Wraxall and Failand are gradually taken away by neighbouring councils, where does the future of Wraxall and Failand PC lie?

Suddenly we find ourselves neighbours to Bristol. We do not want to be a part of the urban sprawl of Bristol.

- As a resident of the Elms for 28 years I strongly feel that we should remain part of Wraxall and Failand parish. I have strong community links within the parish including with All Saints church and St Bartholomew's. Any change would be detrimental to the parish, reducing the number of residents within the parish which would affect the community, the strength and influence of the parish council as well as it's viability. I want to continue to have the protection of the Wraxall and Failand Neighbourhood Plan, which Nailsea does not have in place. I also voted to remain within Wraxall and Failand parish in the referendum of 2009.*
- Leave well alone.*
- Why should Nailsea have something just because they want it?
What is that teaching future generations? If you want it just take it?*
- Why change a working arrangement for Wraxall. We are a village and need this green land for walks and recreation. It is very important to us and why we moved here.*

All or most of the Nailsea services that we use are paid for by other ways like grants, government funding, donations etc and not always run by the local council or paid by council tax. I'm sure Nailsea residents use the Parish Church. Why should we be forced to pay a 127% increase in precept council tax and not have any say about devolved services.

There are lots of villages in the UK, and I wouldn't want them to change to suit the bigger surrounding towns .

- *I am very happy with the way that Wraxall currently run council business. I think that joining nailsea council will only make things worse and less efficient*
- *I believe that the current boundary parish will better support the views of the residence of Wraxall*
- *This vital rural area should remain as part of the rural parish of Wraxall and not be subsumed into the built-up area of Nailsea, to protect the ancient woods and unique bubbling pond at Tower House and the endangered / at risk wildlife here, including otters and dormice. Letting the town creep closer would endanger these fragile ecosystems and lead to a loss of this vital habitat. I know I speak on behalf of the overwhelming majority of local people when I plead with you too protect this, one of the few untamed areas we have left.*
- *Dear Consultation,*
I believe the boundaries for the Elms are proper and correct at present and do not need to be changed or taken over by Nailsea. I wish for the Elms to remain with Wraxall & Failand Parish.
- *I wish to remain in the current boundaries as I believe that this will prioritise the protection of the agriculture, green spaces and green belt. There is a lot of ongoing work in the Belmont estate (watercress farm area) and also planned for the pond on the Elms....I believe that wraxall PC will be more supportive with this*
- *As a Wraxall and Failand parish councillor and also as a resident of The Elms, I fully support The Elms and the surrounding area remaining within Wraxall and Failand Parish. A boundary change would undermine the strong community identity of The Elms, a sentiment clearly reflected in the overwhelming opposition to the proposal during North Somerset Council's consultation. Residents have expressed a clear preference to remain part of Wraxall and Failand, valuing the transparency, local engagement, and accountability our parish provides. For these reasons, I stand firmly in support of The Elms and surrounding area remaining within Wraxall and Failand Parish.*

The recent campaign by Nailsea Town Council (NTC) has been based on misleading and inaccurate claims — including suggestions that Elms residents do not financially contribute to local services or that moving parish boundaries would reduce Nailsea residents' council tax. These assertions are demonstrably false. Services such as schools, GP surgeries, and allotments are either government-funded or self-financing, and Wraxall and Failand Parish Council has a strong record of supporting community projects across the wider area, including within Nailsea.

- *Very happy with how Wraxall and Failand Parish manage the Elms. As a resident of The Elms I do not want the Nailsea Council to have any say over The Elms.*
- *I strongly believe The Elms and the surrounding area should stay part of Wraxall and Failand Parish. Services like schools, GP surgeries, and allotments are either government-funded or pay for themselves, and Wraxall and Failand Parish Council has a long history of supporting community projects across the area, including in Nailsea.*
It's also important to remember that parish boundaries and planning/settlement boundaries are not the same thing. Changing the parish

boundary would damage the strong community identity of The Elms, which was clearly reflected in the huge opposition to this idea during the North Somerset Council consultation. Residents want to stay part of Wraxall and Failand because of the transparency, local engagement, and accountability our parish provides. For all these reasons, I fully support keeping The Elms within Wraxall and Failand Parish.

- It seems slightly ridiculous that we are being asked this question again when the previous consultation was so overwhelmingly in favour of the area in question remaining in Wraxall and Failand
- No one is asking for the boundary to be moved.... what is the problem with the existing boundry????? Who has an issue with the existing boundry???? oh wait... it must be the government wanting this, to help with their over ambitious 1.5 million new house target to be met, which will only result in forced, irresponsible decisions being made, for the over bearing developments, with no local infrastructure plan.

This boundry change is proposed only, to help with the success of the proposed housing developments.

The wishes of the wraxal and failand residents should be respected, local authorities shouldn't be bullied by government, to help with their unrealistec, out of touch polices.

- There is no rationale or justification for moving the boundary, therefore it should remain as it is. I believe the only reason the Council are proposing this is so that it will be easier to build on our green belt - therefore this is immoral and manipulative. Let's preserve our green spaces to us to enjoy, the wildlife to enjoy and to avoid flooding our town.
- The Wraxall and Failand area is a valuable rural environment between Nailsea and Bristol with it's own community, church and school. The strength of this community is vital as it is a strong voice to maintain a green scape and rural environment including the flood plain around the river Yeo. The houses on the Elms were built on Wraxall land and the boundary from memory was swapped into Nailsea to get the planning to build them and then put back. The residents should have a voice as part of Wraxall as they will help support the strength of the community, particularly as where they are was always part of Wraxall and it is vital that the residents that know and value the countryside and community first hand are not taken away. There is a deep understanding within our own council of the value of the green space surrounding us and we are engaged in keeping it. There is no value for Wraxall and Failand in taking our support to form part of Nailsea. We are strong as we are. The value of what we do to protect the beauty that surrounds Nailsea is a positive for Nailsea because it is where the residents of Nailsea come to walk, exercise, run, and enjoy a green environment so important for mental wellbeing as well as physical health. The more that slips into Nailsea the more likely it is to become urbanised.
- I don't see the value in extending Nailsea Town Boundary, it makes more work for Nailsea Town Council with very little added value
- In Wraxall and Failand there is so much good will and community feel, the councillors do an excellent unpaid job and one feels that any issues that occur are dealt with effectively due to the size of the parish.
- I am a resident of The Elms and I strongly believe The Elms should remain part of Wraxall and Failand. I do not want the green belt area around us to be left open to Nailsea Town Council and their desire to sell all available land to developers. We also live in a Band D property and would be unable to pay any more council tax than we already do. Finally, I do not want to be part of a town council who have been spreading misleading and factually incorrect information, as Nailsea Town Council have been doing!
- I also believe that Green belt land within the parish of Wraxall & Failand should remain as green belt and not be developed.

- *As residents of the Elms for the last 28 years we do not support any idea that this parish should be changed with responsibility passing to Nailsea Town council. They would not have the same level of commitment that we enjoy and we also know that any change would enable them to landgrab underdeveloped land for building to increase their council tax take for spending that would not benefit the residents of Wraxall ..*
- *Wraxall residents support Nailsea anyway. They support the local trades people.*
- *The two identities are diametrically opposite.*

Nailsea, Town Council administers built-up urban areas and amenities to support a large population.

Compared to;

Wraxall and Failand Parish Council, with a small population and significant agricultural land and countryside, is close to the people, deals with their local issues, and helps with CPRE to ensure the best use of land and protect the countryside.

Wraxall and Failand Parish Council has a Neighbourhood Plan.

Nailsea Town Council does not have a Neighborhood Plan.

Nailsea Town Council raised this boundary question back in 2009 and, following a referendum, an overwhelming majority of residents elected to remain in Wraxall and Failand Parish (I was the Parish Chairman at the time).

Nailsea Town Council has resorted to publishing its own leaflets on the CGR consultation. The information in these leaflets is misleading, factually incorrect, and is being challenged by Wraxall and Failand Parish Council with North Somerset Council.

The proposed change would not improve and strengthen communities, and certainly not improve democracy, as the present discourse from Nailsea Town Council has been far from transparent.

The reasoning behind Nailsea is commercially driven, with the expectation that such a change will see Nailsea Town Council prosper financially from increased council tax revenue to the detriment of Wraxall and Failand residents, and if removed from the greenbelt, would see the development of the site enhance Nailsea's coffers.

It is expected that North Somerset Council will reject this proposal to change the boundary, as no exceptional circumstances exist to warrant a change in the boundary location.

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *Wraxall Parish council had a conflict of interest here when they leafleted every house in the Elms, skewing the public response. The Elms is in Nailsea not Wraxall 1.2 miles away. Elms residents are in Nailsea and use its facilities. I doubt very much if any resident has done more than drive their car through WRaxall on the way into Bristol and certainly never visited anything in the village.*
The boundaries of Nailsea follow nature boundaries for 3/4 of the border, but not in the North/NorthEast.
The land and proposed development in the north of Nailsea is physically in Nailsea and near to the Town Centre, is not in Wraxall and has no residents to complain. So even if the Elms isn't brought into Nailsea, there is no justification not to include the new development into Nailsea.
I would ask you to at least reconsider the LVA development, which has been developed very much with the involvement of Nailsea town council. The development includes expansion of the industrial estates (within Nailsea) and the Football club - nothing in this development has anything to do with Wraxall. The boundary needs to follow the natural boundary of the river to the North.

- *Geographically and according to community engagement likelihood, these areas are clearly worth considering as part of Nailsea as opposed to Wraxall & Failand.*
- *Despite the people of the Elms being opposed to the change they are to all intents and purposes part of Nailsea. They shop, have a GP, get petrol go to a gym all in Nailsea. It is unfair that they use all the facilities without contributing to Nailsea council. Also to extend the boundary makes sense in view of the likely building in the areas around Nailsea as part of the local plan.*
- *These houses should contribute to the facilities they do and will undoubtedly use in Nailsea and should pay the same Council Tax as equivalent Nailsea residents.*
- *Same argument. Whilst the Elms has residents that have been stirred up by Wraxall Council by a leaflet drop, there is no justification not to include the development in the north of Nailsea into Nailsea's boundary. Nailsea will take the full brunt and sustain all of the new developments coming around Nailsea, therefore Nailsea needs to benefit from them, not the remote Parish of Wraxall. Please reconsider the LVA development as part of Nailsea.*
- *The Elms is geographically separated from Wraxall, but joined to Nailsea. It is a modern town development, and, as such, shares characteristics with the town of Nailsea, rather than the older small village of Wraxall. It benefits from access to Nailsea's facilities and services, which are not readily available to Wraxall.*
- *The Nailsea side of this conversation has not been covered. The Elms as highlighted is strategically and geographically aligned with Nailsea - using all the facilities (schools, sporting, health). Nailsea council tax bands should not be higher than the Elms in this instance as it is a closer walking distance to the centre than the new developments being built at Netherton Grange - yet they will be paying more to support the use of these houses.*
- *It was clearly a mistake when the Elms was built not to include it in the Nailsea boundary. The residents use all the facilities of Nailsea without contributing to its maintenance and support. This needs to be rectified now. The financial impact on the residents of the Elms would be relatively small (particularly considering the value of the houses) whilst providing much needed financial support to Nailsea.*
- *I live in Nailsea and these houses are clearly in Nailsea, it's silly to have a boundary between contiguous housing*
- *The Elms and any new developments that are affixed to Nailsea should be Nailsea. The residents in this area are using our schools, doctors etc but they pay less council tax than Nailsea residents.*
- *New housing, attached to Nailsea, but currently in the Wraxall & Failand parish use Nailsea infrastructure and facilities but their rates & Community Infrastructure Levy go elsewhere. This needs to be corrected for fairness and better governance.*
- *If the land to the north of Nailsea is likely to be brought forward for development, the CIL contribution should be to the benefit of the town in which the development is located.*
- *The Elms residents use all of Nailsea facilities and most of the children go to Nailsea schools. Therefore they should pay the same council tax. At the moment they pay far less.*
- *"Residents of the Elms use the services provided for and supported by Nailsea residents. It is only logical and fair, that Nailsea receives funding from people using and benefiting from these services in order to be contribute financially towards the provision and upkeep of them.*

It is likely that residents of the proposed development to the North and East would also use and benefit from these services, and therefore, as with residents of the Elms, should also pay towards these services. In addition, as Nailsea will be impacted by these developments, it needs to be in receipt of the Community Infrastructure Levy to ensure they can facilitate the increase in the local population."

- *"The North Somerset Council Planning Map <https://map.n-somerset.gov.uk/dande.html> clearly shows where the SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY exists and makes perfect sense to align this with both the 'Ward Boundaries' and 'Town and parish Councils'.*
- *The Elms is part of the Nailsea settlement and remote from the main Wraxall dwellings centred around the B3130 labelled WRAXALL on the map!"*
- *The Elms is a housing estate from which most residents use the facilities of Nailsea, as it is considered by most to be part of Nailsea, hence choosing that they should be part of Nailsea & therefore also financially contribute to Nailsea.*
- *"It doesn't seem fair that people in The Elms estate and areas bordering Nailsea clearly use Nailsea council tax payers' facilities and their council tax is attributed to the Wraxall council tax. Nailsea council tax payers pay higher council tax than that set for Wraxall and this should be corrected by bringing these areas into the Nailsea boundary for council tax to make it fair.
Also, whilst here, don't build extra housing without carefully considering infrastructure to support these developments. Resident needs need for a change to be put before financial gain.*
- *The Elms development is part of Nailsea, it is contiguous with Nailsea if you look at a map and detached from the Wraxall settlement of houses..But because of ancient , out of date parish boundaries , they enjoy the advantages of being part of Nailsea while paying lower community charge. This would be the same for the proposed new development further to the north of Nailsea.*
- *"Any new housing to the North ,The Elms and Nailsea as a whole would all benefit from contributing to the facilities that they would all use.
The Elms does not have a community identity distinct from Nailsea. The snob value of a Wraxall address is mentioned by those holding it - house prices etc.
All our services need to be supported by all users."*
- *"The Boundary commission states ""...review offers an opportunity to put in place clearly defined boundaries, tied to firm features and REMOVE ANY ANOMALIES WITHIN THE PARISH BOUNDARIES..."". Anyone looking at a map of the local area would expect ""The Elms"" to fall within ""Nailsea"" not Wraxall. It is a clear and straightforward anomaly.
Furthermore, residents of the Elms use Nailsea facilities, schools, shops, medical services, parks and the range of community facilities provided by Nailsea town Council, and yet they do not pay for any of the services they use as a Nailsea resident. They get those benefits free of charge. This anomaly needs to be corrected.
A similar issue will exist for any future resident within the currently undeveloped land to the North of Nailsea. This should form part of Nailsea too."*
- *people living on the Elms campaign to stay in Wraxall and Failand Parish. But this mostly seems to be linked to a snobbery over thinking Nailsea isn't a good. They tend to look down on Nailsea. (I have friends who live there.) Also because they pay lower council tax. They have no other arguments for why they should. People fromThe Elms use many Nailsea facilities managed by Nailsea Town Council and paid for by Nailsea residents . There are very few facilities in Wraxall and Failand.*

- *It is complete nonsense that these areas are not considered as part of Nailsea. These residents use facilities in Nailsea but contribute to none of them.*
- *"Wraxall residents already enjoy a lower levy than Nailsea, yet are totally reliant on services provided by Nailsea (e.g. there are no shops in Wraxall).
When new houses are built the only access will be via Nailsea. Common sense would be that the new houses are serviced by Nailsea."*
- *People living in Wraxall use the many council provided facilities in Nailsea as all they have is a primary school. Therefore they should contribute financially towards the cost of these facilities and services by paying the same council tax as Nailsea residents.*
- *The Nailsea side of this conversation has not been covered. The Elms as highlighted is strategically and geographically aligned with Nailsea - using all the facilities (schools, sporting, health). Nailsea council tax bands should not be higher than the Elms in this instance as it is a closer walking distance to the centre than the new developments being built at Netherton Grange - yet they will be paying more to support the use of these houses.*
- *The Elms is physically linked to Nailsea & uses all its facilities, including roads, schools & shops.*
- *The Elms is obviously part of Nailsea with the roads all linked together. The residents also use all of the facilities that Nailsea provides, rather than anything provided by Wraxhall & Failand.*
- *Elms residents do not contribute financially towards services such as schools, medical services etc which they currently use in Nailsea. The Community Infrastructure Levy will be paid to Wraxall / Failand and Nailsea residents will miss out.*
- *Both of these sites lie within Nailsea's settlement boundary. A glance at a map clearly shows that they are connected to Nailsea, with open land separating them from Wraxall and Failand. Over the years, I have met residents of The Elms, and whenever I ask where they live, they invariably reply "Nailsea." They then follow that up with something like, "Well, technically Wraxall, but we're right on the edge of Nailsea." This highlights that the so-called "Community Identity" argument does not hold up — Failand has a distinct community identity, but Wraxall does not.
Your draft states that the purpose of a CGR is to ensure that governance arrangements serve the interests of the community. But what about the interests of the Nailsea community? With the continued devolvment of services from North Somerset Council to local town councils, Nailsea will urgently need resources to maintain open spaces, play areas, and waste collection. Residents of The Elms make use of these facilities, yet the costs fall to Nailsea Town Council.
The claim that reducing the pool of potential councillors is a concern does not stand up in this context. Wraxall and Failand Parish Council has very few amenities to maintain, raising the question of what practical functions it actually performs.
You also cite "historic support" for The Elms to remain part of Wraxall and Failand. That is hardly surprising — some residents prefer the perceived prestige of a Wraxall address. If I lived there, I might too; it sounds more upmarket than Nailsea. But this is not a sound basis for governance — it is simply social snobbery.
Yes, the first consultation drew significant opposition to the proposal. But that was largely because Wraxall and Failand Council successfully mobilised those directly affected, who were naturally motivated to respond. Hopefully, more Nailsea residents are now aware of the absurdity of the current boundaries and will take this opportunity to express their views*
- *In response to North Somerset Council's officers stating that they "consider no further feedback would be secured by presenting this proposal as a draft recommendation for change during the second-stage consultation" it is Nailsea Town Council's belief that this*

statement is incorrect. At the very least the land to the North of Nailsea (LVA land) offers no objections or opposition for inclusion within the boundary of Nailsea.

In responses to the points raised during the first phase of the Community Governance Review:-

- Loss of Community Identity*

The land proposed for development to the North of Nailsea (LVA land) has no community as such and more closely aligns to Nailsea with its main routes into the proposed site coming directly through Nailsea. Greenfield Crescent Playing Fields are currently managed by Nailsea Playing Fields Association (NPFA) and are not covered by Wraxall & Fairland's Neighbourhood Plan.

The Elms estate is unlikely to lose its community identity, with a good proportion of Nailsea residents treating this estate as part of Nailsea and part of Nailsea's Community.

- A preference for Wraxall & Fairland Parish Council over Nailsea Town Council*

An individual's preference to a Parish Council over a Town Council should not be a consideration of a Community Governance Review. Both Parishes have the opportunity to elect a new Council every four years. It is common knowledge that at the last two elections residents of Wraxall & Fairland have stood at and been elected to Nailsea Town Council. Similarly, Nailsea residents could, if they wish, stand for election to Wraxall & Fairland Parish Council. Nailsea Town Council has recently become a Quality Gold Council. This prestigious Gold Award signifies that a council stands at the pinnacle of best practices, attaining excellence in governance, community leadership, and council development. Distinguished by their forward-thinking approach, Gold Award councils not only provide exemplary leadership for their communities but also foster unity, exhibit outstanding business planning processes ensuring optimal value for money, and consistently pursue innovative solutions and opportunities for improvement.

- Concerns regarding the greenbelt and Nailsea lack of a Neighbourhood Plan*

Whether an area is within the greenbelt or not is not a consideration for a Community Governance Review. The Elms is not in the Greenbelt although the land that it occupies it used to be. The green belt is proposed to be extended to the south of Nailsea, leading to a greater area being protected.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a very positive planning document which sets out the priorities and vision for Wraxall and Fairland. The plan recognises that the Estate (The Elms) benefit from close access to the town of Nailsea and its amenities. The Neighbourhood Plan area does not change following a Governance Review, as acknowledged by North Somerset Council.

- Impact on Council Tax*

Community Governance Reviews are all about identifying community boundaries, not Council Tax. The LVA land is unaffected by the proposed boundary change as there is no existing housing within this area. It is acknowledged that there will be an impact on Precepts/Council Tax for The Elms residents. Council Tax does directly relate to the facilities and services a council provides, with Nailsea offering numerous things which are not available within Wraxall & Fairland. If The Elms was included within Nailsea, the residents of Nailsea would benefit from this additional Council Tax, but Nailsea Town Council has sufficient funding already for this not to be a factor of the inclusion of The Elms within our civil parish. The level of precept called by a Council is a just a snap shot in time and can change dramatically from year to year depending on the projects a council undertakes.

- Detrimental impact on Wraxall and Fairland Parish Council.*

The pool of eligible residents available to stand for election to Wraxall & Fairland Parish Council would remain unchanged, with all 679

electors in the Elms still being eligible under the Local Government Act 1972, s 79, alongside a large number of Nailsea residents.

- Historic support for The Elms to remain part of Wraxall & Failand*

Wraxall & Failand Parish Council has undertaken several referendums which have shown that the residents of The Elms wish to remain within the parish of Wraxall & Failand. Nailsea Town Council acknowledges the results of these referendums but would note that Nailsea residents have not been given a similar opportunity to have their say on the matter. A referendum conducted with just the residents Wraxall & Failand lacks impartiality and the results could be deemed to be a foregone conclusion.

The Boundary Commission states that “A community governance review offers an opportunity to put in place strong, clearly defined boundaries, tied to firm ground features, and remove the many anomalous parish boundaries that exist in England”.

North Somerset Council has for many years included The Elms within the Settlement Boundary of Nailsea. This can be seen in documents going back to at least 2007 and the North Somerset Adopted Replacement Local Plan. North Somerset Council continues to include The Elms within the Settlement Boundary of Nailsea. This can be seen within the current iteration of the Emerging Local Plan 2026 – 41, which clearly shows both The Elms and the proposed development site LVA within the Nailsea Settlement Boundary. The opportunity to align the Parish Boundary with the Settlement Boundary now exists which supports the Boundary Commissions statement of clearly defined boundaries, tied to firm ground features. If North Somerset Council feels that opposition to The Elms becoming part of Nailsea is too great, then at least consider including the LVA development land as part of Nailsea, prior to its development. The LVA site can clearly be seen wrapping around Nailsea.

There is currently an anomaly in Nailsea’s boundary with The Elms estate being within the parish of Wraxall & Failand. Guidance from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) states that developments across existing boundaries should be considered. The residents on the East side of Lodge Lane are Wraxall & Failand Residents and those on the West are Nailsea. There is nothing to indicate that there is a clearly defined separate community within The Elms and the site is well integrated within the community of Nailsea.

There is no existing community within the land to the north of Nailsea (LVA). Nailsea Town Council holds the strong belief that it can contribute towards a cohesive and successfully integrated addition to the town, which will be in closer proximity to Nailsea Town Centre and its facilities. The LGBCE guidance states that services should be convenient , easy to reach and accessible to local people. The LVA land is convenient to Nailsea, not the Villages of Wraxall & Failand.

In guidance from LGBCE states that community is not a precise or rigid matter but a pattern of daily life taking into account local centres for education, child care, shopping, community activities, worship, leisure pursuits, transport facilities and a means of communication will have an influence. On this basis The Elms residents will find all these aspects within Nailsea and are fully integrated into the Nailsea Community.

Without prejudice Nailsea Town Council requests that North Somerset Council revisits recommendation 10. with the LGBCE guidance in mind and suggests that if it still feels strongly that The Elms should remain in Wraxall & Failand, then it at least re-considers the boundary to the North of Nailsea (LVA land) and includes this land within Nailsea before it is developed and a sense of cohesion is lost. The revised boundary would follow the Land Yeo (river) to the North of Nailsea to meet with the B3130 (road), as hard constraints.

- All the residents use Nailsea facilities and that costs the residents of Nailsea more on our council tax! I think it very unfair on Nailsea, these are all large family houses and nowhere near any other facilities so are bound to use Nailsea ones!*

- *The Elms is clearly a suburb of Nailsea. Its residents use Nailsea's infrastructure and facilities.*
- *Everyone who lives in The Elms uses Nailsea's facilities/ amenities - roads etc etc - many attend local schools - it makes no sense to be under wraxall*
- *Structurally the Elms is part of Nailsea. Residents benefit from the facilities of Nailsea without contributing to their upkeep. The character of the Elms is much more in keeping with the character of Nailsea than that of Wraxall with Failand.*
- *It is obviously much closer to Nailsea and the residents will be using infrastructure in Nailsea as opposed to Wraxall.*
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The Elms estate is unlikely to lose its community identity, with a good proportion of Nailsea residents treating this estate as part of Nailsea and part of Nailsea's Community.

- *A preference for Wraxall & Failand Parish Council over Nailsea Town Council*

An individual's preference to a Parish Council over a Town Council should not be a consideration of a Community Governance Review. Both Parishes have the opportunity to elect a new Council every four years. It is common knowledge that at the last two elections residents of Wraxall & Failand have stood at and been elected to Nailsea Town Council. Similarly, Nailsea residents could, if they wish, stand for election to Wraxall & Failand Parish Council. Nailsea Town Council has recently become a Quality Gold Council. This prestigious Gold Award signifies that a council stands at the pinnacle of best practices, attaining excellence in governance, community leadership, and council development. Distinguished by their forward-thinking approach, Gold Award councils not only provide exemplary leadership for their communities but also foster unity, exhibit outstanding business planning processes ensuring optimal value for money, and consistently pursue innovative solutions and opportunities for improvement.

- *Concerns regarding the greenbelt and Nailsea lack of a Neighbourhood Plan*

Whether an area is within the greenbelt or not is not a consideration for a Community Governance Review. The Elms is not in the Greenbelt although the land that it occupies it used to be. The green belt is proposed to be extended to the south of Nailsea, leading to a greater area being protected.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a very positive planning document which sets out the priorities and vision for Wraxall and Failand. The plan recognises that the Estate (The Elms) benefit from close access to the town of Nailsea and its amenities. The Neighbourhood Plan area does not change following a Governance Review, as acknowledged by North Somerset Council.

- *Impact on Council Tax*

Community Governance Reviews are all about identifying community boundaries, not Council Tax. The LVA land is unaffected by the proposed boundary change as there is no existing housing within this area. It is acknowledged that there will be an impact on Precepts/Council Tax for The Elms residents. Council Tax does directly relate to the facilities and services a council provides, with Nailsea offering numerous things which are not available within Wraxall & Failand. If The Elms was included within Nailsea, the residents of Nailsea would benefit from this additional Council Tax, but Nailsea Town Council has sufficient funding already for this not to be a factor of the inclusion of The Elms within our civil parish. The level of precept called by a Council is a just a snap shot in time and can change dramatically from year to year depending on the projects a council undertakes.

- *Detrimental impact on Wraxall and Failand Parish Council.*

The pool of eligible residents available to stand for election to Wraxall & Failand Parish Council would remain unchanged, with all 679 electors in the Elms still being eligible under the Local Government Act 1972, s 79, alongside a large number of Nailsea residents.

- *Historic support for The Elms to remain part of Wraxall & Failand*

Wraxall & Failand Parish Council has undertaken several referendums which have shown that the residents of The Elms wish to remain within the parish of Wraxall & Failand. Nailsea Town Council acknowledges the results of these referendums but would note that Nailsea residents have not been given a similar opportunity to have their say on the matter. A referendum conducted with just the residents Wraxall & Failand lacks impartiality and the results could be deemed to be a foregone conclusion.

The Boundary Commission states that “A community governance review offers an opportunity to put in place strong, clearly defined boundaries, tied to firm ground features, and remove the many anomalous parish boundaries that exist in England”.

North Somerset Council has for many years included The Elms within the Settlement Boundary of Nailsea. This can be seen in documents going back to at least 2007 and the North Somerset Adopted Replacement Local Plan. North Somerset Council continues to include The Elms within the Settlement Boundary of Nailsea. This can be seen within the current iteration of the Emerging Local Plan 2026 – 41, which clearly shows both The Elms and the proposed development site LVA within the Nailsea Settlement Boundary. The opportunity to align the Parish Boundary with the Settlement Boundary now exists which supports the Boundary Commissions statement of clearly defined boundaries, tied to firm ground features. If North Somerset Council feels that opposition to The Elms becoming part of Nailsea is too great, then at least consider including the LVA development land as part of Nailsea, prior to its development. The LVA site can clearly be seen wrapping around Nailsea.

There is currently an anomaly in Nailsea’s boundary with The Elms estate being within the parish of Wraxall & Failand. Guidance from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) states that developments across existing boundaries should be considered. The residents on the East side of Lodge Lane are Wraxall & Failand Residents and those on the West are Nailsea. There is nothing to indicate that there is a clearly defined separate community within The Elms and the site is well integrated within the community of Nailsea.

There is no existing community within the land to the north of Nailsea (LVA). Nailsea Town Council holds the strong belief that it can contribute towards a cohesive and successfully integrated addition to the town, which will be in closer proximity to Nailsea Town Centre and its facilities. The LGBCE guidance states that services should be convenient , easy to reach and accessible to local people. The LVA land is convenient to Nailsea, not the Villages of Wraxall & Failand.

In guidance from LGBCE states that community is not a precise or rigid matter but a pattern of daily life taking into account local centres for education, child care, shopping, community activities, worship, leisure pursuits, transport facilities and a means of communication will have an influence. On this basis The Elms residents will find all these aspects within Nailsea and are fully integrated into the Nailsea Community.

Without prejudice Nailsea Town Council requests that North Somerset Council revisits recommendation 10. with the LGBCE guidance in mind and suggests that if it still feels strongly that The Elms should remain in Wraxall & Failand, then it at least re-considers the boundary to the North of Nailsea (LVA land) and includes this land within Nailsea before it is developed and a sense of cohesion is lost. The revised boundary would follow the Land Yeo (river) to the North of Nailsea to meet with the B3130 (road), as hard constraints.

- *The Elms is attached to Nailsea town not Wraxall village. Its population demographic is different to the village's. Residents can readily access Nailsea facilities, which is less easy for those who live in Wraxall*
- *The area of the elms and surrounding area use all the facilities of Nailsea schools shops play areas*

Further comments

NONE

Draft recommendation 11: That no amendments be made as part of this review to parish boundaries and council sizes in areas of potential housing development that has not obtained planning consent.

11.1: That a review of proposed amendments to the Banwell parish boundary be deferred until housing development is complete.

Total responses	1
Responses in favour of the recommendation	1
Responses opposing the recommendation	0
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *Banwell Parish Council supports the recommendation to defer any decision regarding the future of Mead Fields and potential boundary changes involving the Wolverhill development until the associated housing developments are complete. The Council agrees that deferring these decisions will allow for a clearer understanding of the community layout, identity, and governance needs once development is established.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

NONE

Further comments

NONE

11.2: That a decision on increasing the size of Bleadon Parish Council be deferred until the Regulation 19 stage of North Somerset Council's Local Plan provides more certainty regarding proposed housing growth.	
Total responses	2
Responses in favour of the recommendation	2
Responses opposing the recommendation	0
Responses indicating uncertainty	0
Comments in favour of the recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>There should not be any further building in Bleadon. We already have an additional 3 building sites within the Bleadon area.</i> Comments opposing the recommendation <i>NONE</i> Further comments <i>NONE</i>	
11.3: That a review of the Flax Bourton boundary be deferred until there is more certainty on the proposed development of 4000 houses south of the A370 around the A38.	
Total responses	2
Responses in favour of the recommendation	0
Responses opposing the recommendation	2
Responses indicating uncertainty	0
Comments in favour of the recommendation <i>NONE</i> Comments opposing the recommendation <i>NONE</i> Further comments <i>NONE</i>	
11.4: That a decision on creating a new parish comprising areas from Locking and Banwell be deferred until the completion of the housing developments.	
Total responses	30
Responses in favour of the recommendation	27
Responses opposing the recommendation	3
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *I live on Locking Grove and I'll never want to be part of Locking Parklands, our houses have been part of Locking long before Locking Parklands was even thought about. I understand it's nice and easy to just draw a boundary around the main roads that encompass the new estate, but we're not part of that estate.*
- *There is no option to select 'no' e.g. that it should not require a separate review*
- *Not the rightt time*
- *Not the rightt time*
- *NB Hutton and Locking are already combined with regard to ministry*
- *The existing parish councils work well. Any new parish could include Parklands but not T the expense of Locing*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *It is inappropriate, unfeasible and very unfair to suggest that such a draft recom-mendation be made so emphatically at this time. A new Council [time to drop the word Parish] - should be created, for the area of LOCKING PARKLANDS only. Upon completion this area [LP] will become almost the size and status of a Town. Parklands boundary already exists - it does not and should not be tampered with! It should most certainly not be combined with Mead Fields and/or Keepmoat developments which do not have the same feeling or ethos about them that Parklands has. Locking Parklands does not need its name or attributes altered in any way.
(2) Locking Parklands already has the foundation of its own council with the exist-ence of the LP Community Interest Company of which its residents are its members who already have a financial interest. Management and structures are in place for development as it continues to expand. Clearly no consideration has been given to this major factor.
(3) This is very short-sighted to make such a categoric decision - NOW is exactly the right time to begin this process of building a new type of Council/Management structure whilst construction continues as is the development of a new/growing community at Parklands - you cannot leave things in limbo while all around gets their own way! It will be too late to try and shut the stable door The residents of Parklands need to have a say - it clearly does not work by latching Parklands onto the village council and joining it with two disparate sites just would not work.
(4) All the while construction continues at Locking Parklands, CIL funds should not automatically be given to the existing Parish Council - the funds should be kept within Parklands/the area that has produced the allocation. Such funds should be ring-fenced for the benefit of this community and partly be put towards establishing a fund specifically for administration growth.
(5) If you need to create a new Council with Keepmoat and Mead Fields then look no further than integrating Flowerdown Park with them - it is on the doorstep!*

Further comments

NONE

Draft recommendation 12: That no parish mergers be made as part of this review where such changes would compromise or diminish distinct community identities.

12.1: That Yatton, Claverham, Congresbury and Cleeve remain as separate parishes.

Total responses	8
Responses in favour of the recommendation	6
Responses opposing the recommendation	2
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *I feel each community has it's own identity and issues which need addressing separately.*
- **YATTON PARISH COUNCIL:** *We do not wish to merge our parish with any other parish. Note that Claverham is not a parish in its own right and nor do we wish it to be*
- *I do not support merging Yatton (including Claverham), Congresbury, and Cleeve into one parish. These are three distinct and historic communities with very different identities, geographies, and local priorities. Congresbury in particular has a strong village character, its own parish council, neighbourhood plan, and established community networks that reflect the needs of both the historic village and newer developments north of the river. A merged "super parish" would risk diluting local representation, weakening accountability, and creating a disconnected governance structure across a large and diverse area. Each community would lose its direct voice on local matters such as planning, highways, and amenities, which are currently best managed at individual parish level. Effective local governance depends on councillors having close ties to their communities and understanding local issues first-hand. Keeping Yatton (including Claverham), Congresbury, and Cleeve separate ensures that each area continues to be represented fairly and can maintain its own priorities, character, and identity.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *The costs of running Congresbury PC has escalated with three employees and a wage bill of over £70000. This is a massive increase over a two year period and clearly shows Congresbury PC is incapable of offering value for money. Unfortunately councillors haven't the skill set to manage the vested interests of the employees and their pay packets. Joining parishes together would give some cost efficiencies. There also needs to be some external oversight of how the parish precept is managed and value for money.*
Year Precept Staffing cost % of precept
23/24 135694 76017 56
22/23 124000 55301 44
21/22 115727 38323 33
20/21 114582 41259 36

19/20 112335 37052 33 18/19 110132 35542 32 Further comments NONE	
12.2: That Blagdon, Butcombe and Burrington remain as separate parishes.	
Total responses	5
Responses in favour of the recommendation	3
Responses opposing the recommendation	2
Responses indicating uncertainty	0
Comments in favour of the recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These parishes are historically distinct communities and should remain so for the benefit and cohesion of their respective communities These parishes are historically distinct communities and should remain so for the benefit and cohesion of their respective communities Comments opposing the recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We should be rationalising our local governance and seeking every efficiency we possibly can. 12.2 proposes that Blagdon Parish Council does not amalgamate with Butcombe and Burrington. I can perceive no rational argument behind this proposal. In fact, I would propose not only does Blagdon join forces with the two councils named but also with others in the local area e.g. Langford or even Churchill. We all have similar profiles and face the same issues. I assumed, clearly erroneously, that the Community Governance Review would have, as a priority, economy of scale. With each individual parish council requiring the services of a clerk, often at considerable expense, amalgamating several like-minded councils would be to the benefit of all. Also, not many councils have their full quota of members at present as local residents do not choose to offer their services as they, perhaps, do not perceive the need for this level of local government in the first place. Further comments NONE	
12.3: That Long Ashton, Wraxall & Failand and Barrow Gurney remain as separate parishes.	
Total responses	91
Responses in favour of the recommendation	88
Responses opposing the recommendation	2
Responses indicating uncertainty	1
Comments in favour of the recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barrow Gurney Parish Council content with the outcome Yes, I support the draft recommendation to keep Long Ashton, Wraxall & Failand, and Barrow Gurney as separate parishes. I believe it is important for each parish to have its own local representative who has lived in and understood the area for many years. Having 	

someone with at least 10+ years of experience in the community allows for genuine insight into how the area has changed over time and how it can be improved. This local knowledge and connection ensure that decisions are made with the community's best interests in mind and that each parish retains its unique identity.

- *Local government is getting less and less local.*
 - *I feel best served by councillors from my parish as they are more aware of local concerns.*
 - *The three areas have distinct characteristics and more differences between them than similarities. A combined area would be unwieldy, overly large, and difficult to manage effectively*
 - *Again, stop wasting money on these consultations. Leave alone.*
 - *I totally support this. The parishes have different topography and distinct populations. Amalgamating them would just create a muddle and a very disparate community. Please leave them as they are.*
 - *Each of these Parish Councils are best suited to look after their local areas*
 - *Each of these parishes is very well served by their respective Councillors who best understand the needs and concerns of their residents*
 - *All 3 parishes are very different in their land composition and needs of the parishioners*
 - *Those parish councils have the best interest of those parishioners at heart.*
 - *Barrow Gurney Parish Council content with the outcome*
 - *They are distinct communities and should be represented so.*
 - *Parish separate identities are well established, known and proud. There are dedicated councillors whom are effective in managing the responsibilities. This does not need to change.*
 - *Distinctly geographically separated parishes, with different population sizes and demographics, and offering different facilities*
 - *The existing boundaries provide a sense of community to residents and visitors.*
 - *The size of these parishes are key to their identities and residents have a sense of belonging.*
 - *Likely to protect local interest better.*
 - *It is important that local issues and cultures are supported rather than being homogenised. The only way this can happen is if local people can affect local issues where they have relevant and specific knowledge.*
- There is too much centralisation of power generally. A more collegiate style of decision making would improve the quality of outcomes.*
- *This is typical of a Council to look to separate & divide to make their case stronger. Who do they think they are kidding.*
 - *It is important to retain the parishes individuality*
 - *I support the draft recommendation to keep Long Ashton, Wraxall & Failand, and Barrow Gurney as separate parishes.*
- Each parish has a distinct community identity, built over years of local engagement and unique priorities. Merging them risks diminishing these differences and reducing community representation. Recent consultation results and the council's review show clear majority opposition to a merger, favouring independence for each parish.*
- Importantly, maintaining separate parish councils ensures effective local governance—each council can respond quickly and directly to community needs, deliver tailored services, and preserve meaningful decision-making close to residents. Combining parishes would*

create a larger, less cohesive administrative body, making it harder for individual voices to be heard and reducing the convenience and quality of local government.

Retaining the current parish structure protects responsive governance, strengthens community character, and upholds the preferences of local people.

- *They each gave their own identity opportunities and challenges to combine these parishes would dilute local involvement*
- *This is a ridiculous suggestion with no basis... You might as well say "Should Bath and Bristol become one city.... WHY????*
- *The only way to keep close to the residents*
- *They are distinct communities so should remain separate.*
- *It is working well at present and we are able to work together when needed. By joining together it would be too vast an area to manage and water down the quality and focus we have when managing our affairs.*
- *Wraxall and Failand Parish Council strongly supports the retention of current parish boundaries.*
- *Whilst some of the issues that each parish faces are similar, eg speculative development in the Green Belt and the impact of development on the rural road network, there are differences.*

Wraxall & Failand supports diverse communities around the Tyntesfield and Belmont estates, whereas the majority of residents in both Long Ashton and Barrow Gurney are within a single settlement boundary. Both the latter councils have a better bus service and it takes less time to commute to Bristol, which is more likely to be included the choice for employment. Residents in our parish, particularly those in Failand, Lower Failand and on West Hill consider Nailsea, Clevedon, Portishead and Pill for shopping, healthcare and leisure. Catchment areas for schools vary in each parish.

Each of these parishes has a distinct character and needs. Where their boundaries are shared Long Ashton and W&F parish councils have worked well together when considering planning applications and highways issues.

I believe that their residents are better served, particularly when considering planning and development to have councillors who are live in their communities and I strongly agree with the conclusion of the Planning Committee and recommend that these three parishes remain separate.

- *Each of these parishes has its own distinct identity, history, and sense of community, which would be lost or diluted if they were merged into a single council.*

Merging the three would risk creating a large, less responsive body that could not represent local views as effectively. Keeping them separate ensures that residents continue to have a clear voice in decisions that directly affect their area, preserving local accountability and strong community engagement.

- *Absolutely it would destroy the identity of each community and for parish life it is good to be of a manageable size - if merged it would be too big and I think getting to talk to councillors would be harder.*
- *Wraxall residents pay higher house prices and should not be linked with Nailsea. Few school places taken as most houses do not have children*
- *The present arrangement keeps the parishes close to their residents, something very precious.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

NONE

Further comments

- *I don't know enough about the impact this might have but it feels like this would reduce local identity and complicate local decision making*

12.4: That Nailsea and Backwell remain as separate parishes.

Total responses	55
Responses in favour of the recommendation	52
Responses opposing the recommendation	1
Responses indicating uncertainty	2

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *With very significant estates now being permitted in both. Nailsea and Backwell, the implications for road links between the 2 separate entities raise serious issues. The current structure of narrow lanes, blind corners, pinch points where there is insufficient width for 2 vehicles to pass and the current use by pedestrians, children going to school, bike riders, farm vehicles, horse riders and local residents means that dangerous and even tragic incidents are likely to increase dramatically. Already in the last 2 or 3 years the numbers of speeding drivers cutting through these lanes has increased noticeably. Local farmers are for example unable to get to their fields during much of the day but the danger to children and others not in vehicles is even more serious. What proposals are going to. E funded to restrict or calm commuting "rat runs" or other significant and inappropriate volumes of traffic?*
- *Both Nailsea and Backwell are expanding rapidly and so keeping them separate will allow each area to keep its own identity*
- *Absolutely should remain as separate parishes. These are separate towns/villages with different issues.*
- *Not only separate but with clear open spaces between the 2*
- *Merging Nailsea and Backwell would risk undermining the distinct community identities and the effectiveness of local governance for both areas. Community Governance Review legislation (LGPIHA 2007) and longstanding practice require councils to prioritise arrangements that:*
Reflect the identities and interests of local residents and communities. If communities have developed separate traditions, priorities, and senses of identity over years, merging them disregards these interests and diminishes meaningful representation.
Deliver effective and convenient local governance. Separate parish councils allow each community to tailor services, representation, and decision-making to the specific needs and preferences of their residents. Larger, merged bodies are less responsive and can dilute the voice of local people, making governance less effective and convenient.
Maintain strong community cohesion. Reviews should not make structural changes without clear, demonstrated local support. The council's July committee specifically cited a risk to community identity and cohesion as the primary reason for rejecting the merger proposal, backed by feedback from recent consultations and parish council submissions.
National and local precedent demonstrates that such mergers are rarely supported unless there is compelling evidence of benefit and strong local consensus. Most communities, when consulted, have chosen to retain separate governance to preserve their individual character and accountability.

In summary: Retaining separate parish councils for Nailsea and Backwell best protects community identity, effective governance, and meaningful local representation—core principles mandated by law and proven to serve communities well in practice.

- **12.4 – Nailsea and Backwell to remain as separate Parishes**

BPC supports this recommendation and confirms the continued importance of maintaining separate parish identities.

- *Agreed this is important to reflect the historic separation between these villages and their strategic governance*
- *Why on earth would you want to destroy these 2 separate parishes and make one huge one housing estate - Makes no sense*
- *The characters and identities of the two settlements are distinct and should remain separate parishes. This recommendation is consistent with the retention of the strategic gap between the two settlements.*
- *Would be too big as one.*
- *Merging Nailsea and Backwell would risk undermining the distinct community identities and the effectiveness of local governance for both areas. Community Governance Review legislation (LGPIHA 2007) and longstanding practice require councils to prioritise arrangements that:*

Reflect the identities and interests of local residents and communities. If communities have developed separate traditions, priorities, and senses of identity over years, merging them disregards these interests and diminishes meaningful representation.

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In summary: Retaining separate parish councils for Nailsea and Backwell best protects community identity, effective governance, and meaningful local representation—core principles mandated by law and proven to serve communities well in practice.

- *To retain the character and heritage of the area I consider it is essential that Nailsea and Backwell remain separate, including a permanent buffer of Green Belt.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

NONE

Further comments

- *"There is a historical distinction between Nailsea and Backwell. In the past they were two very distinct villages, but as each has grown they have become part of what looks on a map to be a much larger single conurbation, served by a ""joint"" railway station. Further development planned for both settlements means that they will continue to merge further.*

There could be benefits of managing both as a single area especially if this helps the planning of future roads, provisioning of schools, doctors and transport links, although in any scenario keeping the land which currently separates the two communities as a public space, rather than to allow development on this land, would be essential."

12.5: That Weston-super-Mare does not extend its boundary to incorporate Bleadon, Hutton and Locking (and specifically Locking Parklands).

Total responses	216
Responses in favour of the recommendation	203
Responses opposing the recommendation	11
Responses indicating uncertainty	2

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- North Somerset should leave the parishes as they are, as each one has built their own small communities. If North Somerset spent their money wisely there would be no need for them to extend their boundaries and swallow up small parishes.*
- These should all remain as separate parishes Hutton, Bleadon and Locking have their own communities and should remain as they are. North Somerset have enough money to on Weston Super Mare if they spent the money wisely without the need of taking other parishes.*
- As a resident of Woodside Avenue I would much rather remain as part of the separate parish of Hutton in order to maintain the community/village feel that this gives us. I do not wish to become swallowed up by the much larger Weston Super Mare. Our parish council have a fabulous team who currently look after and maintain flower beds and planters giving the whole parish a much more pleasant look, this wouldn't happen if we became part of Weston. We feel entitled to participate in parish/village events such as The Big Bash and Proms, this may no longer be the case if we weren't considered 'part of the parish'.*
- I don't see why these lines need to be moved and why someone in the council needs to mess with the district lines when they don't need to. This will affect my house price, insurances, school catchment area, etc, etc. Just leave it alone instead of messing with people livelihoods.*
- I have concerns in a few factors of these changes taking place.
Firstly it mentions we have a possibility of an Increase in council tax, this would feel Unreasonable for two reasons, one that we are not requesting to move our address to another boundary and when purchased it was brought in the basis of it being part of Hutton. Secondly banding of our house was based on Hutton houses alone of similar dwellings, knowing the area residents have challenged the banding to be dismissed on other surrounding properties being incorporated and it only be represented to Hutton.
The further concern to this is how it will impact the value of our homes, for example we brought the home with one of the reasons being that it was on the outskirts and classed as Hutton. I do feel this would also be considerations for future sales and could leave properties in minus equity/lower values with loss of equity.
We pay a separate management fee to look after the green space within the new development, with that in mind why would having to*

move the boundary need to be a factor for the new builds if it is being looked after by a 3rd party currently.

There are other areas of green, dog waste collection bins that sit in the boundaries of the older parts how will this be maintained.

I don't see any benefit to residents or the Hutton parish in moving the boundary, no where seems to explain why this is needed or how it will support the residents living here in a positive sense.

Surely it makes sense to keep the Woodside area within Hutton, then the boundary to sit so that beyond the pub remains as Hutton, and the dividing split to be between the industrial site and Woodside to allow for Woodside to remain Hutton.

- *Why change it when it works now. I like being part of Hutton parish, feel like a lovely small community, dread to think of what it would be like on a bigger scale*
- *The idea that the Parish of Hutton should in part be absorbed into the Parish of Weston Super Mare Does not make sense to me. It serves to simply increase the precept on our council tax, and due to the potential change in address from Hutton to Oldmixon, will reduce the value of my property.*

In the document, it is stated that Woodside is an extension of Oldmixon. This is incorrect. By the very fact that North Somerset council address ALL our mail as Hutton, demonstrate this is a false statement.

This seems to demonstrate the Weston Town Councils failure to control it's spending and attempt to "grab" extra funding by any means necessary.

This needs to be halted and proper budgeting implemented to better manage the services the town needs without reducing the relatively small funds the outlying parishes with this stealth tax increase to the public.

- *As a resident currently residing within the Parish of Hutton I do not want to be swallowed up and become part of the much larger Weston Super Mare Parish. I enjoy being part of the smaller community of Hutton Parish and do not want to lose this affiliation. It will have a negative financial impact with regards council tax, it will result in a loss of local autonomy, a loss of community events and a reduced community identity. I do not want my postcode to determine a loss of association with the Parish of Hutton, within which I currently live.*
- *The residents involved in being incorporated within the Weston-Super-Mare proposed new boundary change would gain nothing but higher council tax and being part of a failing town where the council cannot even keep the streets clean, lost in a larger structure leading to more centralized decision-making ignoring the smaller communities*

It would break ties with the village of Hutton, the Parish Council of which village is far more pro-active for its residents than Weston-Super-Mare Town Council ever would be

We have a great sense of community, being involved in all village activities and decisions made, this would be completely taken away from us

- *The reason being we want to be kept in the parish of Hutton after living in the parish for 50 years now. We love being in the parish of Hutton, a lovely community.*
- And also being pensioners we don't want to have to pay more council tax by being taken away from our parish of Hutton.*
- *do not change the boundaries. I do not want to become part of wsm.*
- *Stop messing around with boundaries just to*
- Try and increase council tax and gain more money. We are fine as we are being separate*

- *These are entirely separate villages, from Weston-super-Mare, and therefore have different priorities to the Town. Therefore they should remain separate to enable their issues to be considered, otherwise all monies will focus on the Town's priorities.*
- *The existing boundary for Hutton should remain so that it continues as a separate parish and not incorporated into Weston super Mare*
- *We have been here in Woodside since 1979, our children attending school in Hutton and have been happy with all arrangements. We do not want to be separated and be put into Weston alone.*
- *When we purchased this property in 2022 we believed that we would remain part of the Hutton parish community.*
- *All of those residents in those parishes should be able to remain in those parishes. We live in Hutton but it could become Weston and I am opposed for the following reasons:*
 - *house prices devaluing,*
 - *higher house insurance*
 - *higher car insurance*
 - *higher Council Tax for the residents that would remain in Hutton as less houses for the precept and higher Council Tax for those that become part of Weston.*
 - *not part of the village life that we moved here for*
 - *we were married in St. Mary's Church in Hutton which would be more difficult if boundaries change.*
 - *easier for planning decisions to be passed and more infill housing*
 - *these changes would also have a negative mental health impact as people feel like they belong even if they live on the edges of the village in Woodside and Hamwood Close as they are part of a Parish that cares.*
 - *Could also mean people have to change medical practices*
- Please do not change the boundary to move our home into Weston.*
- *We are residents of Woodside avenue and we purchased our house because it is under the Hutton parish. If these changes are made it will significantly impact us financially and therefore will lead to a lot of people on our estate needing to seek their houses. We like being part of Hutton parish and do not support the boundary moving.*
- *Our house prices would drop, our community ties with Hutton would be lost. Any contribution we have made to the village would be gone.*
- *The money we pay for council tax isn't used effectively as it is, let alone paying any more. There are NO benefits for us being included in the town parish. It feels, its just another way for the council to get more money from people, alot of whom are struggling financially anyway.*
- *I completely agree with this draft as there are absolutely no positive benefits to those residents in Bleadon, Hutton or Locking by being included with the boundary of Weston-super-Mare. I completely agree that it would compromise or diminish distinct community identities in those three parishes. This has the appearance of boundary-grabbing by Weston Town Council, purely to boost its income!*
- *We live at Hutton and this was the main reason we got our home there. Merging it to weston super mare just makes everything difficult.*
- *I do not wish to become part of Weston-super-Mare. I moved from there so I could be in a village. We would lose all identity of being a village if you extend the boundaries.*

- *I wholeheartedly disagree with the idea of merging parish councils. The loss of identity is a key and overriding factor, we should not be swallowed up by Weston-super-Mare. Decisions made by a larger parish that has no understanding or knowledge of the villages outside of a large and sprawling town is fundamentally flawed. Creating a Weston-super-Mare 'super parish' that would become unwieldy, bloated and cumbersome, with residents of smaller villages having no real say or focal point. What a sad state of affairs that you would even consider removing the smaller parishes from managing their own village, merging to become an anonymous autocrat. These smaller parishes have such strong community values, by doing this, these would be gone, this goes against any kind of idea that North Somerset is pro community and for the people.*
- *As a former Town Clerk of Weston I am very aware of this issue. I believe that, unlike the proposed minor boundary anomaly adjustments needed with Kewstoke and Hutton, there should not be any 'taking over' of Locking, Bleadon or Hutton which remain distinct communities and should retain their own parish councils.*
- *We don't want council tax rocketing in Hutton if made smaller*
- *Agree totally.*
I find it interesting that NSC leaves the possibility for Locking parklands to be outside of Weston parish in this paper, I do not understand the logic of allowing this - and the possibility of it and Mead Fields and Keepmoat becoming their own parish, when everything else touching Weston appears to have to be part of Weston parish. Leaving this open to be its own parish does not follow the logic of the rest of the document which seeks to keep Weston as its current uber sized council.
If the council wants to look at a new parish being set up here - it should be done by referendum AND the people of Weston should be offered the same opportunity to change their parishing arrangements.
- *It would compromise or diminish community identities*
- *Parish councils will remain free to concentrate on their own villages.*
- *do not change the boundaries. I do not want to become part of wsm.*
- *"Stop messing around with boundaries just to
Try and increase council tax and gain more money. We are fine as we are being separate"*
- *"These are entirely separate villages, from Weston-super-Mare, and therefore have different priorities to the Town.
Therefore they should remain separate to enable their issues to be considered, otherwise all monies will focus on the Town's priorities."*
- *The existing boundary for Hutton should remain so that it continues as a separate parish and not incorporated into Weston super Mare*
- *We have been here in Woodside since 1979, our children attending school in Hutton and have been happy with all arrangements. We do not want to be separated and be put into Weston alone.*
- *When we purchased this property in 2022 we believed that we would remain part of the Hutton parish community.*
- *"All of those residents in those parishes should be able to remain in those parishes. We live in Hutton but it could become Weston and I am opposed for the following reasons:
*house prices devaluing,
*higher house insurance
higher car insurance

**higher Council Tax for the residents that would remain in Hutton as less houses for the precept and higher Council Tax for those that become part of Weston.*

**not part of the village life that we moved here for*

**we were married in St. Mary's Church in Hutton which would be more difficult if boundaries change.*

**easier for planning decisions to be passed and more infill housing*

**these changes would also have a negative mental health impact as people feel like they belong even if they live on the edges of the village in Woodside and Hamwood Close as they are part of a Parish that cares.*

**Could also mean people have to change medical practices*

Please do not change the boundary to move our home into Weston."

- We are residents of Woodside avenue and we purchased our house because it is under the Hutton parish. If these changes are made it will significantly impact us financially and therefore will lead to a lot of people on our estate needing to seek their houses. We like being part of Hutton parish and do not support the boundary moving.*
- Our house prices would drop, our community ties with Hutton would be lost. Any contribution we have made to the village would be gone.*
- The money we pay for council tax isn't used effectively as it is, let alone paying any more. There are NO benefits for us being included in the town parish. It feels, its just another way for the council to get more money from people, alot of whom are struggling financially anyway.*
- I completely agree with this draft as there are absolutely no positive benefits to those residents in Bleadon, Hutton or Locking by being included with the boundary of Weston-super-Mare. I completely agree that it would compromise or diminish distinct community identities in those three parishes. This has the appearance of boundary-grabbing by Weston Town Council, purely to boost its income!*
- We live at Hutton and this was the main reason we got our home there. Merging it to weston super mare just makes everything difficult.*
- Its important to have villages surrounding a town where we have local councils serving our needs*
- "Distinct community identities are key to both individual and community well-being and should not be compromised or diminished. This also applies to not altering the boundaries of Weston to incorporate parts of Hutton at Woodside and along Oldmixon Road!"*
- Where are the questions relating to Woodside and Oldmixon Rd. At the meeting in Hutton on 5 October w e were told Q 6 was the most important question . This questionnaire just takes you round in circles. I am a Hutton resident and completing this form on that basis..*
- "I have moved into the village of Hutton, not weston super mare.
Value of house will depreciate.
Smaller council so that they can listen to you and work with you"*
- I agree that there should be separation between the town of Weston and the surrounding villages.*
- There is obviously a financial incentive to do this. Stop building so many houses and gentrifying the area. We need the green space and the smaller villages*
- It should stay as it is as previously expressed*
- There is no need*

- "Property- I live in a pre- war bungalow on the Oldmixon Rd BS249QA which has always been in the parish of Hutton. Community- I have lived in my home for 59yrs. Myself and my family have always been part of the Hutton community. - I have always been happy here and do not wish to change. I feel that by being part of Weston I will lose my association with the village. Financial- My postcode will in future be associated with Weston as opposed to the Parish of Hutton. - My house will be devalued, Council tax and Home insurance will rise. I STRONGLY OPPOSE BEING REMOVED FROM THE HUTTON PARISH."*
- Risk to local identity and community cohesion*
Parishes and villages have developed their identity over many years. Altering boundaries risks eroding that sense of place, weakening community ties, and making residents feel less connected to their local governance. Small villages may feel subsumed within a larger administrative entity and lose the voice they currently enjoy.
Representation may become less effective / less local
One of the stated purposes of the review is "to ensure that governance arrangements are working as efficiently and effectively as possible" (Council website)
North Somerset Council
However, by merging or changing parish boundaries you may inadvertently increase the geographic spread or diversity of the area councillors must represent—this can dilute representation, as those councillors may struggle to give equal attention to all parts of the enlarged area.
Potential for increased bureaucracy and cost
Changing boundaries, merging parish councils or altering electoral arrangements always brings transitional costs: consultation, legal orders, new election arrangements, updating records and maps, communicating with the public. If the resulting governance arrangement does not produce significant efficiency gains, the cost (financial and administrative) may outweigh the intended benefits.
Loss of clarity for residents
When boundary changes happen, residents often face confusion over which council or parish they belong to, what services apply, which elections they vote in, and who their local representatives are. This uncertainty can undermine engagement and trust in local democracy.
Vulnerability of very local issues
Villages often have issues that are very specific: local footpaths, village halls, small scale planning or development decisions, local green spaces. If these become part of a larger parish or governance area, there is a risk these smaller-scale matters receive less priority or are treated as less significant compared to larger settlements in the same governance area.
Consultation fatigue and perception of change for change's sake
The Council's own site shows that the Review is seeking to change the boundaries of parishes/alter the number of councillors or wards for parishes.
North Somerset Council
Many residents may feel that this is change for change's sake, especially if the practical benefit is not clearly communicated.

Consultation fatigue could reduce meaningful engagement.

Risk of unintended consequences (planning, green belt, development pressure)

Although the Review ostensibly deals with governance rather than planning, changing boundaries can shift the relationship between villages and nearby towns, possibly altering how development pressures are perceived or managed. For example, where a village becomes part of a larger parish inclined toward development, local control may be weakened. In the case of North Somerset, there is already significant concern about settlement boundary reviews, green belt, and housing numbers.

- *Want to stay in a village and house prices will drop if we don't stay in the village of Hutton*
- *Similar comments for those made regarding the Hutton proposals.*
- *we don't want to become suburbia that is not what the public want*
- *We don't want council tax rocketing in Hutton if made smaller*
- *"Agree totally.*

I find it interesting that NSC leaves the possibility for Locking parklands to be outside of Weston parish in this paper, I do not understand the logic of allowing this - and the possibility of it and Mead Fields and Keepmoat becoming their own parish, when everything else touching Weston appears to have to be part of Weston parish. Leaving this open to be its own parish does not follow the logic of the rest of the document which seeks to keep Weston as its current uber sized council.

If the council wants to look at a new parish being set up here - it should be done by referendum AND the people of Weston should be offered the same opportunity to change their parishing arrangements."

- *Yes. Stop confusing matters and keep as is*
- *It would compromise or diminish community identities*
- *1 In agreeing and supporting the draft recommendation 12.5 - this needs to be carefully considered in conjunction with the fact that Locking Parklands SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THIS suggestion, as Locking Parklands will become much larger and extensive than it is at the present time of this consultation and of ample size to become a stand-alone Council.*
- *2 Indeed, I suggest that greater consideration also be given to merging Locking Council [which presently includes Oaktree Park,] with Hutton Council [Elborough+Woodside] as they fall on the south side of the A371.*
- *3 I have previously put forward the suggestion that Flowerdown Park [as a separate sector/ward] could join with Keepmoat and Mead Fields*
- *4 Logically, it would then make sense for Locking Grove to fall under Banwell Council as a separate sector/ward] within that Council*
- *Hutton is a strong community that we belong to.*
It would be extremely sad if the Weston boundary is extended into Hutton.
Eventually there won't be any separate villages.
- *Hutton, Locking & Bleadon villages should remain separate. As residents we love our villages & they should be protected. We don't want to lose the unique autonomy of being part of a village and the strong community feel it brings.*
Also the financial impact on each village if the council tax increases as proposed.
- *All of these villages will be deprived of local services if they were moved into Weston*
- *The villages would lose their particular identities and character if they were consumed by Weston*

- *Hutton, Locking & Bleadon are all separate communities in their own right and do not want to be lost by being absorbed into Weston*
- *If it's not broken etc!*
- *I strongly oppose the extension of the W-S-M boundary as the impact to residents within Bleadon, Hutton and Locking will be negatively impacted.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *I think Locking Parklands should be part of WsM boundary area (but Bleadon, Hutton and old Locking remain separate). This because the old villages are functional areas within themselves. However Locking Parklands will join up with WsM and near Worle to provide a contiguous built up area so should be part of WsM.*
- *"Locking Parklands does not have the same community identity as Locking village, nor Locking Parish and is closer in identity to the parish of Weston-super-Mare and the boundary should be revised to incorporate this. Also Locking Parish has not had competitive elections for 12+ years and therefore in its current form remaining in Locking Parish is not sustainable"*

Further comments

NONE

12.6: That Weston-super-Mare does not extend its boundary to incorporate St Georges.

Total responses	15
Responses in favour of the recommendation	12
Responses opposing the recommendation	2
Responses indicating uncertainty	1

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *Agree totally.
Weston is too big already and should be reduced rather than increased*
- *Weston and St Georges have completely different needs and identities so remaining separate is desirable.*
- *Agree totally.
Weston is too big already and should be reduced rather than increased.*
- *Keep it simple.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *St George's only arose through an anomaly as North Worle extended into a small part of Banwell parish which is additionally cut off from Banwell by the M5. It has no real identity of its own and (unlike Locking, Hutton and Bleadon) there is a strong case for it to be incorporated into Weston super Mare.*
- *There has been no competitive election in St Georges for 12+ years which undermines democracy and the fair representation of parishioners which is one of the objectives that boundary reviews consider. St Georges has an identity closer to that of Weston-super-*

Mare, and considering the issue with lack of competitive elections we propose the boundary of Weston-super-Mare incorporates all of St Georges. It would only need 1 or 2 councillors if this were the case.

Further comments

NONE

Draft recommendation 13: That no amendments be made to existing warding arrangements as part of this review where current arrangements support effective elections.

13.1: That the parish of Pill and Easton in Gordano remain warded.

Total responses	9
Responses in favour of the recommendation	4
Responses opposing the recommendation	3
Responses indicating uncertainty	2

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- Easton-in-Gordano ward should be distinct from both Abbots Leigh and Pill. It is too big to be merged with Pill and has too little in common with Abbots Leigh.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- Pill & EIG are one community & it makes sense for them to be unwarded.
Consideration should also be given to expanding the Pill ward to include the roads around St Kath's school that are currently in Abbots Leigh and are part of the Pill community.*
- I am obliged to comment on the reason given by NSC to justify this decision
"It is to be noted that these are two separate communities, and the running of a single election may be impractical or inconvenient"
This statement is simply incorrect.
Pill and Easton in Gordano are two villages which are completely merged. All services, amenities and events are shared. Doctors, dentists, schools, clubs, pubs, library, shops, pharmacy, post office, Christmas lights, rag, regatta, market.
There is absolutely nothing separating them, they are a single community.*
- On behalf of the Pill and Easton-in-Gordano Parish Council, we are pleased to submit this formal response to the Stage Two consultation on the proposed Community Governance Review. As the elected representatives for our unified parish community, we represent the interests of approximately 5,000 residents across Pill and Easton-in-Gordano. Our council is committed to fostering a strong, cohesive local identity and ensuring efficient, cost-effective governance that truly reflects the needs of our residents.
We have reviewed the draft recommendation 13.1, which proposes that the parish of Pill and Easton-in-Gordano remain warded. While we appreciate the opportunity to provide input and the detailed background on parish warding provided in the consultation document,*

we strongly oppose this recommendation. We advocate firmly for the merger of the current Pill and Easton-in-Gordano wards into a single, unwarded parish. This change would better align with our community's integrated character, streamline electoral processes, and deliver tangible benefits in terms of cost savings and administrative simplicity. Below, we outline our position in direct response to the consultation questions, supported by evidence from our operational experience.

□ No – the Pill ward and Easton-in-Gordano ward should merge, making the parish of Pill & Easton-in-Gordano unwarded.

We respectfully but robustly disagree with the July decision of the Planning and Regulatory Committee to maintain the current warded structure, which was based on assumptions of "impracticality" due to elector numbers and distribution, and a perceived need for "separate representation for two distinct communities." These assertions do not reflect the lived reality of our parish, as evidenced by our council's operations and historical integration. Retaining wards perpetuates an outdated and divisive framework that undermines our community's unity, inflates costs, and hinders effective representation. We urge the Council to reconsider and adopt the unwarded model, which would:

Reinforce Our Unified Community Identity: Pill and Easton-in-Gordano is not "two distinct communities" but a single, interconnected parish with shared history, geography, and aspirations. The villages are geographically contiguous, with seamless daily interactions. Residents shop, socialise, and attend services across boundaries without hindrance. Our unified community core is embodied in shared facilities like The Resource Centre, school, youth club, Brownies & Scouts, and community centre, as well as events such as Pill Rag and Pill Regatta, which include everyone from the entire parish. This characterisation as separate communities is misguided and appears to originate from a lack of familiarity with the area's fluid, integrated nature, as noted by our councillors, who know the parish intimately. Moreover, this integrated approach is supported by local precedent; the neighbouring parish of Wraxall and Failand, comprising two separate and distinct communities three miles apart, operates as a single unwarded council, demonstrating that unwarding is feasible and effective even in less cohesive settings. Merging wards would affirm this unity, promoting a stronger sense of belonging rather than the "risk of division" noted in the consultation's arguments against warding.

Streamline Council Operations and Enhance Accountability: As a single council, we already function as one entity. All meetings are held jointly, decisions are made collectively, and councillors collaborate without ward-specific silos. In fact, many of our elected members are unaware of (or indifferent to) which ward they nominally represent, as priorities and workloads are parish-wide. Warding creates unnecessary complexity, with councillors potentially focusing on narrow "ward" interests at the expense of holistic parish needs, a key argument against warding highlighted in your document. An unwarded structure would eliminate this, fostering the "shared purpose" and "cooperation" that warding risks eroding, while maintaining clear accountability to the entire electorate.

Furthermore, our parish operates under a single precept, levied uniformly across all residents irrespective of ward boundaries. This unified funding stream supports expenditures and initiatives wherever they are needed most within the parish, directed by the council as a cohesive body. There is no ring-fencing or allocation of "Pill money" exclusively for Pill, or similarly for Easton-in-Gordano; resources are deployed flexibly and equitably to benefit the whole community, reinforcing the seamless integration that warding artificially disrupts.

Address Electoral Practicality and Cost Efficiency: The committee's concern about "impracticality" for a single election is unfounded and contradicted by real-world evidence. At the last General Election, a total of 15 candidates stood across the parish, the precise number required to fill all 15 seats (12 for Pill ward and 3 for Easton-in-Gordano ward). However, because elections are conducted

separately for each ward and candidates are not pre-determined or allocated across the parish as a whole, the Pill ward received only 11 candidates for its 12 seats. This resulted in one seat remaining vacant after the general election, necessitating a costly by-election on 14 July 2022 to fill it (costing circa £6,000, paid to North Somerset Council). This separate ward-based election process not only wasted public funds but also delayed full representation for residents. Had the parish been unwarded, the 15 candidates would have competed in a single election to fill all seats proportionally, avoiding the vacancy and the need for a second poll entirely. This aligns directly with arguments for warding's drawbacks, such as "election difficulties" in small wards and "unnecessary complexity" in administration.

In summary, the arguments for warding, better local representation, fairness in allocation, and recognition of differences, do not apply here, as our parish's even population distribution (~60/40 split) and lack of geographic barriers make an unwarded model more equitable and representative. We have no evidence of "one area dominating decisions," and separate wards have not prevented uneven candidate distribution. Instead, unification would reduce the "administrative burden" and "extra work" of future boundary reviews, allowing resources to be redirected toward resident services like community safety and green spaces.

Further Comments on Stage Two of the CGR

We welcome the broader CGR process as an opportunity to modernise local governance, but emphasise that any changes must prioritise community cohesion over rigid structures. For Pill and Easton-in-Gordano, unwarding is not merely preferable but essential to avoid entrenching divisions that do not exist. We would be happy to provide additional data, such as meeting minutes or election records, to support our case. We also recommend engaging directly with parish councillors and residents through a follow-up meeting to explore these issues in depth.

Fairness Considerations

In line with the Equality Act 2010, we confirm that our response represents the diverse views of our community, including those from protected characteristic groups (e.g., age, disability, race, and sex). No groups within our parish, such as older residents in Easton-in-Gordano who rely on Pill's transport links, or families with young children attending shared schools, would be unfairly disadvantaged by unwarding; indeed, it would enhance accessibility to representation for all. We have consulted inclusively within the council to ensure broad input. If any adjustments are needed for future consultations (e.g., accessible formats), please let us know.

Thank you for considering our submission. We trust this evidence-based response will inform a revised recommendation that truly serves our united community. We look forward to the final outcomes and remain available for discussion.

Further comments

NONE

13.2: That the parish of Hutton remain unwarded.

Total responses	70
Responses in favour of the recommendation	65
Responses opposing the recommendation	2
Responses indicating uncertainty	3

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *I see no benefit from splitting the parish into smaller sizes. The community is still relatively small compared to other wards around the country. It is manageable and from what I've seen in the past 3 years since moving into the area, successful.*
- *the hutton council should stay the same do not want to be on weston council had building work to put new houses up had road and dust in air for over 2 years leave hutton the same also if changed would have to pay extra council tax 1.4 percent more and hutton 30.8 less that's not fair keep hutton the same area KEEP THE SAME*
- *hutton should remain the same would have to pay more council tax in weston 1.4 percent hutton would go down 30.8 percent that not fair i want to stay in hutton do move to weston keep hutton the same it's good the size it is*
- *The village is better to be looked after in the present manner. Warding could end up with some residents losing out. Better to have one team to look after the parish.*
- *"The village is better to be looked after in the present manner. Warding could end up with some residents losing out. Better to have one team to look after the parish."*
- *Hutton, Elborough and Woodside operate as one with specific adjustments if and when required.*
- *why would you*
- *Hutton Parish works very well as it is.*
- *The parish council looks after the needs of the village very well at present.*
- *The parish is not large enough to gain any advantages from being warded,*

Comments opposing the recommendation

NONE

Further comments

- *We moved to Weston-super-Mare in November 1979, our children going to school and activities in Hutton and always found these arrangements comfortable to us. I worked on the Industrial Estate at Oldmixon and was happy.*

13.3: That the parish of St Georges remain unwarded.

Total responses	2
Responses in favour of the recommendation	2
Responses opposing the recommendation	0
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

NONE

Comments opposing the recommendation

NONE

Further comments

NONE	
13.4: That the parish of Congresbury remain unwarded.	
Total responses	4
Responses in favour of the recommendation	3
Responses opposing the recommendation	1
Responses indicating uncertainty	0
Comments in favour of the recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly Congresbury is not large enough to be warded and would only add to costs. I support keeping Congresbury unwarded. <p><i>The parish functions effectively as one cohesive community with shared facilities, services, and identity. Creating separate wards would introduce unnecessary division between the north and south of the village and add administrative complexity without any proven benefit.</i></p> <p><i>Parish councillors are already accessible to all residents, and the current arrangements allow flexibility to focus on issues affecting the whole parish rather than specific zones. Maintaining a single, unwarded parish ensures equality of representation, promotes community cohesion, and avoids additional bureaucracy or cost.</i></p> Comments opposing the recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The River Yeo creates a natural north/south boundary. Given the historical challenge in finding enough residents willing to stand as councillors, might it not help raise interest and awareness of what parish councils do by having the village split into two wards? Further comments NONE	
13.5: That the parish of Tickenham remain unwarded.	
Total responses	12
Responses in favour of the recommendation	9
Responses opposing the recommendation	1
Responses indicating uncertainty	2
Comments in favour of the recommendation NONE	
Comments opposing the recommendation NONE	
Further comments NONE	

13.6: That the current ward boundaries of the Portishead East ward and the Portishead West ward remain as they are.

Total responses	6
Responses in favour of the recommendation	5
Responses opposing the recommendation	1
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- **PORTISHEAD TOWN COUNCIL Support** *this recommendation, the current boundaries are well established, legible and functional.*
- *There is no need to change ward boundaries. In my experience most issues are dealt with on a whole town basis anyway.*
- *Unless you can arrange via this first the town to be captured by the cheaper tier public transport fare banding (they capture Portbury but penalise Portishead), there is no need to further complicate Portishead's Parish boundaries.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

NONE

Further comments

NONE

13.7: That the current boundaries of Weston-super-Mare Mid Worle ward, Weston-super-Mare North Worle ward and Weston-super-Mare South Worle ward remain as they are.

Total responses	12
Responses in favour of the recommendation	9
Responses opposing the recommendation	2
Responses indicating uncertainty	1

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *It appears the government dept. totally out of touch with council taxpayers, income taxpayers, electoral voters, pensioners.*
- *If it ain't broke don't fix it.*
- *If it's working as it is. Why try to change it?*
- *I can't see no reason to change.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *On Weston Town council there is no a balanced electorate with Mid Worle having 1,605 electors per councillor, well below the average of each ward, and below the level that is recommending South Worle loses a councillor so therefore based on that recommendation alone Mid Worle should be abolished.*
We propose that Mid Worle is abolished and the current polling districts of WIA and WIB are used as the boundaries. With WIA is transferred into North Worle and this gains one more councillor. WIB is then transferred to South Worle.

This would see South Worle stay at 4 councillors and according to the data on the council's website about WIB this has 1,734 electorates so South Worle would have 8,638. This is divided across 4 councillors is 2,159 each which is in line with other wards. This would see North Worle increase to 4 councillors and according to the data on the council's website about WIA this has 1,494 electors so North Worle would have 7,650. Among 4 councillors this would be 1,912 each. This is in line with other wards.

Mid Worle would be abolished and have zero councillors.

Data is from the polling district review of 2023: <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/council-democracy/voting-elections/polling-districts-polling-places-review-2023>

These maps clearly show how WIA and WIB boundaries are drafted and could easily be lifted in full and added to North Worle and South Worle.

We do not accept the argument about not being clear where the boundary line would be. The boundaries of WIA and WIB would remain the same and extended into North Worle, and South Worle, and the boundaries are already on the council website and used for the polling districts so are identifiable.

Further comments

- As a council tax band D I really do not want my council tax to rise by £79 again to pay for changes when the area I live in has had little if any street/grounds maintenance this year.*
- Everywhere is overgrown, in a poor state of repair and has more graffiti done by one person that is not removed.'*
- I can see no reason to change*

13.8: That the current boundary of the Weston-super-Mare Uphill ward remain as it is.

Total responses	9
Responses in favour of the recommendation	6
Responses opposing the recommendation	2
Responses indicating uncertainty	1

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- I would like Uphill ward renamed to West ward*
- Keep as is to save further work*
- Why change something that works*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- Uphill should really be its own parish rather than part of Weston.*
- Uphill should really be its own parish rather than part of Weston.*

Further comments

NONE

13.9: That the number of wards in the parish of Yatton remain at four.

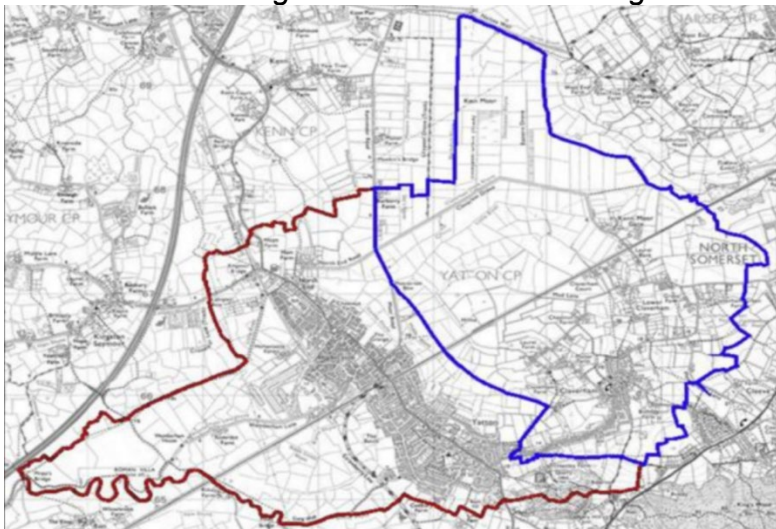
Total responses	3
Responses in favour of the recommendation	2
Responses opposing the recommendation	1
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *Why change something that works?*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- **YATTON PARISH COUNCIL:** *We wish to reiterate in the strongest terms that our current warding arrangements serves no purpose and causes unnecessary expense, and that we wish to change it. The (newly names) parish of Yatton and Claverham should have two wards: one covering Yatton and one covering Claverham. Please see the map below.*



Further comments

NONE

Draft recommendation 14: That the sizes of parish councils remain unchanged where they are consistent with the councillor numbers recommended by the National Association of Local Councils based on forecast electorate sizes.

14.1: That the council size of Cleeve remains 7.	
Total responses	1
Responses in favour of the recommendation	1
Responses opposing the recommendation	0
Responses indicating uncertainty	0
Comments in favour of the recommendation <i>NONE</i>	
Comments opposing the recommendation <i>NONE</i>	
Further comments <i>NONE</i>	
14.2: That the council size of Hutton remains 10.	
Total responses	64
Responses in favour of the recommendation	57
Responses opposing the recommendation	3
Responses indicating uncertainty	4
Comments in favour of the recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>This number works well</i> <i>This number works well</i> <i>Just keep it as it is</i> <i>If they listen to the parish and complete and represent us well why would you think we would want them to become more?</i> <i>The Parish Council works well with its current number of 10 Councillors, These are all volunteers and we would not wish to see a reduction in numbers. It is also difficult to get a full council at present so any increase in numbers would not provide any benefit,</i> 	
Comments opposing the recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>15 to fulfil all jobs</i> <i>There are 10 counsellors for a relatively small parish.</i> <i>The District Counsellors should not hold a second role as they are paid by NSC and clearly prioritise District over parish</i>	

- "There are 10 counsellors for a relatively small parish. The District Counsellors should not hold a second role as they are paid by NSC and clearly prioritise District over parish"

Further comments

- I am a resident of Woodside Avenue and wish to remain under the parish of Hutton
- I am a resident of Woodside Avenue and wish to remain under the parish of Hutton

14.3: That the council size of Nailsea remains 20.

Total responses	20
Responses in favour of the recommendation	15
Responses opposing the recommendation	2
Responses indicating uncertainty	3

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- The number of councillors should be inline with The National Association of Councils guidance, but regularly reviewed to take in account the rapidly increasing number of new developments.

Comments opposing the recommendation

- I don't understand how there are 20 when there are 3 wards. It was changed from 4 wards to 3 wards a few years ago. 21 councilors would be better.
- More councillors from Nailsea if ridiculous expansion plans go forward. NS already dominated by WsM.

Further comments

NONE

14.4: That the council size of St Georges remains 9.

Total responses	6
Responses in favour of the recommendation	6
Responses opposing the recommendation	0
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

NONE

Comments opposing the recommendation

NONE

Further comments

NONE

14.5: That the council size of Congresbury remains 12.

Total responses	3
Responses in favour of the recommendation	3
Responses opposing the recommendation	0
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- I support the recommendation for Congresbury Parish Council to remain at 12 councillors. This number aligns with national guidance from NALC and provides a balanced level of representation for the parish's population. Twelve councillors is sufficient to ensure a range of views, effective workload sharing, and continuity of governance without becoming unwieldy. Reducing numbers could risk under-representation and limit community engagement, while increasing them would add unnecessary cost and complexity. The current council size is appropriate, proportionate, and well suited to Congresbury's needs over the next five years.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

NONE

Further comments

NONE

Draft recommendation 15: That the area of Worle remains in Weston-super-Mare and does not become its own parish.

Total responses	11
Responses in favour of the recommendation	7
Responses opposing the recommendation	4
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- As a former Town Clerk we looked into this before with an open mind, I discussed it with Mike Jones the very experienced electoral officer at the time, but concluded it is impractical. Worle has been part of Weston now for many decades. It is no longer a distinct settlement and there is no logical boundary that can be arrived at. Moreover this option was expressly looked into in the review when Weston super Mare was re-parished in 1999-2000 and was again rejected as impractical. It would also increase the cost of parish administration as both areas would have to have a town clerk, financial administration, auditing etc etc.*
- No obvious benefit in changing*

- *Just keep things as simple as possible*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *The majority of the precept collected by the existing Weston council is spent in and around Weston seafront and High Street area (laughingly called the town centre). So many people in Worle seldom venture to these parts of Weston that their money is being spent on things of no benefit to them. This money would be so much better spent in their own communities in Worle.*
- *Given the large scale of Worle, I feel it should be a separate parish.*
- *The majority of the precept collected by the existing Weston council is spent in and around Weston seafront and High Street area (laughingly called the town centre). So many people in Worle seldom venture to these parts of Weston that their money is being spent on things of no benefit to them. This money would be so much better spent in their own communities in Worle.*

Further comments

NONE

Draft recommendation 16: That the Weston-super-Mare Worlebury ward remains in Weston-super-Mare and is not transferred to Kewstoke.

Total responses	31
Responses in favour of the recommendation	27
Responses opposing the recommendation	3
Responses indicating uncertainty	1

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *I'm proud to be part of Kewstoke. The council tried to merge us with Worle and Weston-super-Mare years ago and now they're trying to do it again. The residents didn't want it then and they don't now.*
- *Clearly Worlebury is not part of Kewstoke village and has no identity of interest with it.*
- *I don't feel Worlebury has a connection to Kewstoke so cannot see any benefit in the two merging.*
- *I'm proud to be part of Kewstoke. The council tried to merge us with Worle and Weston-super-Mare years ago and now they're trying to do it again. The residents didn't want it then and they don't now.*
- *Previously the Worlebury ward was in the Parish of Kewstoke some 50 years ago but it was successfully argued that it should be transferred to the Weston Super Mare. We agree that there is no logical reason to reverse this decision.*
- *It looks like you are trying to make up the money elsewhere for Kewstoke which is not fair to the current residents that are being moved out of Kewstoke!*
- *Keep as is, why should it change now.*

- *These houses should not be moved into WSM boundary, I believe it is a money making mission disguised as something else. Worlebury is in WSM and not Kewstoke. These boundaries should not be changed*
- *Kewstoke is a village and should remain so.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *Weston is too big and should be reduced. Worlebury has more in common with Kewstoke than Weston and this cultural alignment should see them paired with a parish which can represent their needs.*
- *"Weston is too big and should be reduced."*
- *Worlebury has more in common with Kewstoke than Weston and this cultural alignment should see them paired with a parish which can represent their needs."*

Further comments

NONE

Draft recommendation 17: That the parish of Nailsea is not renamed Failand

Total responses	45
Responses in favour of the recommendation	41
Responses opposing the recommendation	3
Responses indicating uncertainty	1

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *I am strongly attached to my town and would feel potentially slighted if it were to be renamed Failand.*
- *This would be a stupid idea. Failand has nothing to do with Nailsea.*
- *(Not sure you need the 'of' in the YES reply!) Surely Nailsea has a far larger population than rural Failand. Nailsea with 20 Councillors needs to retain it's own Parish name, not combining with a parish of 11 councillors!*
- *There is already a clear identity for Nasea and clear identity for Wraxall and Failand. Current boundaries do not align with the naming conventions and would distort understanding, demarcation and identity within the district. Leave it as it is!*
- *Nailsea has no link with Failand! We've lived here since 1977 and always in Nailsea. It makes no sense to have the name of the parish different from the name of the town. Someone's being sarcastic.*
- *There would be confusion with the original Failand. The cost of rebranding, changing signage would be huge.*
- *Renaming the parish of Nailsea to "Failand" would be a mistake with no legitimate justification, and I strongly support the recommendation to retain the established name.*

The name "Nailsea" embodies a long history, deep-rooted community identity, and civic pride. Official guidance from the Local Government Boundary Commission is clear: parish names should accurately reflect the identity and wishes of the local community, and changes should only be considered if there is compelling evidence of sustained local support and clear benefit. In this case, there is no such support—Nailsea's identity is widely recognised and valued, and a change would cause confusion, dilute a rich heritage, and disrupt local continuity.

Moreover, posing this question appears illogical and unnecessary. The established name already aligns with both historical precedent and present-day community feeling. Such proposals risk wasting council resources, diverting attention from genuine governance issues, and undermining trust in the consultation process.

In summary, keeping the parish name as Nailsea safeguards historic identity, provides clarity for residents and service providers, and ensures that local governance remains focused on truly meaningful and beneficial matters.

- *Nailsea is a town, Failand is a village with no amenities. Why call the parish Failand?!!*
- *Otherwise it would be very confusing with the current Failand. Not to mention the cost of all the printing and signage that would have to be done.*
- *I live in Nailsea !*

Comments opposing the recommendation

NONE

Further comments

- *At a loss as to what this proposal is. Nobody has been informed asked or explained what this is.*

Draft recommendation 18: That the developments off Ebdon Road remain in Wick St. Lawrence and are not transferred to Weston-super-Mare.

Total responses	11
Responses in favour of the recommendation	8
Responses opposing the recommendation	2
Responses indicating uncertainty	1

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *Geographically the properties off Ebdon Road physically sit more naturally with Wick St Lawrence*
- *An 85 % loss of electorate and 84% loss of properties would be devastating to Wick St Lawrence.*
- *They are in wick at Lawrence, you can't just take them away!*
- *Geographically the properties off Ebdon Road physically sit more naturally with Wick St Lawrence*

Comments opposing the recommendation

NONE

Further comments*NONE***Draft recommendation 19: That the Portbury Wharf Nature Reserve remains in Portbury**

Total responses

6

As this matter fell outside of the scope of the CGR, residents were not asked whether they supported or opposed to recommendation but were invited to submit any feedback they had.

Further comments

- *The residents of Portishead use this area than anyone else so it should be included in Portishead*
- *Seems pointless to change the boundary. For what purpose would this be? Leave as is.*
- *The Nature Reserve naturally should be in Portishead whose residents have contributed to its initial costs and frequent it the most.*
- *The Council requests further consideration of this matter. The Nature reserve has no logical connection with the village of Portbury, it adjoins Portishead and forms part of the environmental amenity enjoyed by residents of the Town.*
Portishead Town Council *is in the process of negotiating a devolution deal with North Somerset that will see land and assetstransferred from NSC to PTC. This is proposed to include high value natural habitat along the Severn Foreshore and Battery Point. PTC would wish to take ownership of this land and invest in its improvement and secure its ongoing maintenance and protection into the future.*
As the principal benefit of this asset accrues to Portishead residents, it is sensible that it is funded from the Portishead precept, rather than Portbury PC or NSC.
This transfer would have no impact on the village or parish of Portbury and represents a logical administrative solution that facilities the devolution deal, secures the future maintenance of the park and properly ensures governance and funding are properly located at the local level.
Portishead very strongly urges NSC to agree to relocate Portbury Wharf Nature Nature Reserve to Portishead Town Council.
- *The area should be captured under the Portishead Parish or at least have shared responsibility.*
That the area does not have and is not suitable is immaterial.
There are many access points to the Reserve from Portishead and usage by Portishead residents is considerable. With it being unsuitable for housing, it will likely become the only 'green' or natural space remaining to Portishead residents, especially when the development and destruction of green space in the west and centre of Portishead is lost to high concentrations of housing that will do nothing for the town but to support the dire concept and sustenance of 'greater Bristol' (something Portishead and North Somerset should resist no matter what).
This diminishing of other natural spaces makes the governance of the Reserve for the mutual benefit of the citizenry of both Portishead and Portbury very important so the views of all can be heard and noted.

- *It makes more sense to me that this is transferred to Portishead as the majority of volunteers involved and local visitors to the Reserve come from Portishead parish.*

Draft recommendation 20: That no amendments be made to the Kingston Seymour boundary.

Total responses	7
Responses in favour of the recommendation	7
Responses opposing the recommendation	0
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *As a resident of Lampley Road, Kingston Bridge (the properties referenced in the original submission) I support the draft recommendation. Living on the edge of Yatton parish and very close to the village of Yatton factors relating to planning, development, roads, amenities etc within the parish are very relevant to us. Similar factors for Kingston Seymour are less relevant, sited as it is the other side of the M5. I do participate in activities in Kingston Seymour, however I also do so in Yatton and Clevedon. Additionally: not all, possibly a minority, of Kingston Bridge residents participate in Kingston Seymour social events; to my knowledge the Parish Council did not consult with Kingston Bridge residents on their views prior to providing their submission.*
- *I support NSC's draft recommendation 20, particularly as Kingston Seymour parish council have made no attempt to consult with residents at the Kingston Bridge end of Lampley Road regarding this proposed change to their parish boundary. I believe that, particularly with regard to road and traffic related issues, Yatton Parish Council would be better placed to understand and support concerns we may have regarding these issues.*
- *I fully support the rejection of the proposal for the absorption of Kingston Bridge residents into Kingston Seymour parish (draft no 20). Most of the residents at Kingston Bridge are not generally involved in events and issues raised by Kingston Seymour Parish Council, and in fact are more affected by the decisions taken by Yatton Parish Council, particularly in respect of changes to road traffic management and safety. We at Kingston Bridge are always grateful to those living in Kingston Seymour who travel past our houses at a slower and more respectful speed, but unfortunately there are still a significant number who drive at dangerously high speeds over Kingston Bridge and down Lampley Road. Kingston Seymour Parish Council have also historically taken a dim view of requests to introduce a sensible speed limit and objected to the recently erected "Quiet Lane" signs here. We were also not consulted about this important Governance proposal to absorb Kingston Bridge into Kingston Seymour parish. This in itself demonstrates that communication between the two parishes is poor.*
- *I support NSC's draft recommendation 20, particularly as Kingston Seymour parish council have made no attempt to consult with residents at the Kingston Bridge end of Lampley Road regarding this proposed change to their parish boundary. I believe that, particularly with regard to road and traffic related issues, Yatton Parish Council would be better placed to understand and support concerns we may have regarding these issues.*

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- *I live in one of the houses at Kingston Bridge and I feel that the boundary is correct as it currently stands and that Yatton is much better placed to administer this area. We are more connected to Yatton than Kingston Seymour in terms of infrastructure and planning, especially since the more recent home building at this end of Yatton has now provided the much-needed secure pedestrian link. We were not consulted by Kingston Seymour and although some of the residents may frequent KS for social functions this is not a good enough reason to change the boundary as it could also be applied to any number of local parishes, towns or cities.*
- **YATTON PARISH COUNCIL** *We do not wish to have any part of our parish boundary altered.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

NONE

Further comments

NONE

Draft recommendation 21: That no new parishes be created through the separation of existing parishes where current arrangements support effective and efficient community governance.

21.1: That the parish of Weston-super-Mare is not subdivided to create smaller parishes.

Total responses	11
Responses in favour of the recommendation	8
Responses opposing the recommendation	3
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *This was looked into as an option when Weston was re parished in 1999-2000 and rejected by all parties.*
- *A single parish should be more efficient less paperwork and cross over doubling of applications and mistakes over area needs.*
- *Dividing the. Would mean more work, more people, more division. Ridiculous idea*

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *I think Worle should be its own parish, given size of population, geographical area and economic activities.*
- *As per my arguments to other questions here - Weston is three times bigger (62,000 electors) than the NALC top end size of parish (23,500 electors). The town council does not spend money equitably, focussing disproportionately on the sea front and "town centre" which is just off the sea front. . Other parishes have up to 1 cllr per 40 electors (Loxton) while Weston has 1 per 2,000+. This is democratic inequality.*
- *I think Worle should be a separate parish with the rest of Weston being one entity.*
- *As per my arguments to other questions here - Weston is three times bigger (62,000 electors) than the NALC top end size of parish (23,500 electors). The town council does not spend money equitably, focussing disproportionately on the sea front and "town centre" which is just off the sea front. . Other parishes have up to 1 cllr per 40 electors (Loxton) while Weston has 1 per 2,000+. This is democratic inequality.*

Further comments

NONE

21.2: That the parish of Clevedon is not subdivided to create smaller parishes.

Total responses	17
Responses in favour of the recommendation	17
Responses opposing the recommendation	0
Responses indicating uncertainty	0

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *My address is Clevedon however I live in the parish of Walton St Mary on the outskirts of Clevedon and I see no valid reason for this to change.*
- *Why are you wasting more money, like Clevedon seafront.
This website states you cannot vary the amount of councillors yet your A2 pamphlet states that you plan to reduce amount of councillors?
The paves in Clevedon are like travelling on a roller coaster, discussing.
The trimming of hedge and plants is also crap.
I'm in a wheelchair, not that it seems to bother you*
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This website states you cannot vary the amount of councillors yet your A2 pamphlet states that you plan to reduce amount of councillors?
The paves in Clevedon are like travelling on a roller coaster, discussing.
The trimming of hedge and plants is also crap.
I'm in a wheelchair, not that it seems to bother you*

- *In my opinion this would reduce the effectiveness of the Local Council decision making, and allow more Party Politics to make decisions on items that would affect all residents of Clevedon, not just a few in a smaller Ward.*

Comments opposing the recommendation

NONE

Further comments

NONE

21.3: That the parish of Nailsea is not subdivided to create smaller parishes.

Total responses	34
Responses in favour of the recommendation	31
Responses opposing the recommendation	1
Responses indicating uncertainty	2

Comments in favour of the recommendation

- *Splitting into smaller parishes would be ineffective.*
- *This would include The Elms, clearly a suburb of Nailsea.*
- *I support the draft recommendation to keep Nailsea as a single parish.*
Subdividing Nailsea into smaller parishes would complicate governance, fragment resources, and risk undermining the coherence and strength of local community representation. The current parish structure enables efficient service delivery, clear accountability, and ensures that decisions are made in line with the interests of all residents.
Creating new, smaller parishes without a compelling need would only add unnecessary bureaucracy, dilute civic identity, and divert focus from effective community governance. The present arrangements work well and maintain both community cohesion and administrative convenience. There is no substantial evidence or local demand to justify a change.
For these reasons, I believe Nailsea should remain as a single parish, providing the best foundation for effective, unified local governance.

Comments opposing the recommendation

- *Nailsea is far too big and has shown to be financially mismanaged. The loss of identity within one parish overseeing so many residents must be reflected properly.*

Further comments

NONE

21.4: That the parish of Portishead is not subdivided to create smaller parishes.

Total responses	12
Responses in favour of the recommendation	11
Responses opposing the recommendation	1

Responses indicating uncertainty	0
Comments in favour of the recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>There are no natural boundaries that might serve to identify smaller parishes</i> <i>Divide is never good</i> Portishead Town Council <i>strongly supports this recommendation.</i> <i>I can see no need for yet more wards unless Portishead was to amalgamate with any other local parishes such as Portbury</i> Comments opposing the recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Portishead is made up of very different areas so each part should have it's own say</i> Further comments NONE	
21.5: That Wick St Lawrence West Wick ward remains in Wick St Lawrence and Locking Castle remains in Weston-super-Mare.	
Total responses	11
Responses in favour of the recommendation	7
Responses opposing the recommendation	3
Responses indicating uncertainty	1
Comments in favour of the recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>They are disparate areas with nothing in common either geographically or by community makeup.</i> <i>Wick is an established community which is distinct from Locking Castle but with strong links to the rest of Worle.</i> <i>If the current arrangements work well it should remain.</i> <i>Why are proposals being considered that have likely come from a couple of people. How many people really are bothered about creating a new parish?!</i> Comments opposing the recommendation NONE	
Further comments NONE	

Draft recommendation 22: That no amendments be made to the Flax Bourton boundary

Total responses	0
Responses in favour of the recommendation	0
Responses opposing the recommendation	0

Responses indicating uncertainty	0
Comments in favour of the recommendation <i>NONE</i>	
Comments opposing the recommendation <i>NONE</i>	
Further comments <i>NONE</i>	

Further comments on stage 2 of the community governance review.

- *Very concerned as to what the com-gov-review no1 was all about. No info or mention in the local radio or TV as a pensioner concerned how my council tax has greatly increased and there are no ways of me getting any reduction. How many hours are spent on this ward changes, affecting decisions on Westons appearance to visitors. No mention of N.S bus service which seems to be less service in 2025 than 2017. Weston main hospital not open 24 hours appears to not have any maternity unit. More discussions needed as part of com-gov-review 2.*
- *Re Yatton Council size: We do not wish to have any increase in the number of councillors for our parish. Instead we suggest that the number of councillors in Yatton and Claverham parish be reduced from the current 18 to 16. In terms of wards, this would be 12 for Yatton Ward and 4 for Claverham ward.*
- *Re Yatton: We do not wish to merge our parish with any other parish or to change its size or to alter its boundary. We agree that our council size could be reduced from the current 18 to 16. In terms of wards this would be 12 for Yatton ward and 4 for Claverham ward.*
- *Re Hutton: At the meeting a professional advisory was worded that should North Somerset ignore the deep feelings and objections to any changes then you would indeed be responsible for devaluing our properties and also commit new house owners in Foxglove meadows into negative equity. If you have any respect for the people who voted for you then you should reject these proposed changes forthwith.*
- *Re: Wrington: I am seriously worried about access to major roads, hospitals comprehensive schools etc.*
- *If it isn't broken don't fix it. Just leave the parish council to continue running smoothly as it does now, please – There is fair representation of both Winscombe and Sandford on the P.C.*
- *Re: Weston-super-Mare: I feel that most of the Draft Recommendations are very sensible bearing in mind that changes cost money and the public finances are in a bad state both locally and nationally. Although I feel very strongly that Worle needs its own parish council in the current financial climate it may not be achievable.*
- *You already asked us if we want our parish boundaries changed and we said NO! You are asking again in the knowledge that people lose interest or think they have already answered. These are bully boy tactics against the rural community by powerful urban interests. We said NO! and we say NO! again. Leave us alone!*

- Yes please consider the comments of the actual affected individuals, this affects many aspects of our housing arrangements, some of the impacts are not as immediately visible as others, all aspects affecting the actual residents should be kindly considered.
- Wraxall and Failand Parish Council was extremely disappointed to read the “Nailsea’s Future” leaflet recently published and distributed by Nailsea Town Council (NTC) on social media (17th October) and through leaflets handed out within Nailsea.

It appears that NTC, has launched a campaign targeting Wraxall and Failand residents, as well as Wraxall and Failand Parish Council, by circulating misleading and factually incorrect information to the residents of Nailsea in order to generate an increase in objections to Draft Recommendation 10.

The misleading claims made within the leaflet were as follows:

NTC Claim: “The Elms residents do not contribute financially towards the services they currently use in Nailsea (e.g. Allotments, Schools and Medical services etc) Therefore Nailsea residents are subsidising those in The Elms”

A different version detailed in a leaflet also released by NTC includes other services in the same claim such as: “Citizens Advice, Youth Club, Community Hub, Skate Park etc”

This claim is misleading or false

Allotments: According to Nailsea Town Council’s own website, “Allotments are allocated on a strictly first-come, first-served basis and are only available to Nailsea residents.” Allotment rent is paid annually, and NTC’s 2024/25 budget shows an expected income of £5,735 against expenditure of £4,100, indicating that no subsidy is required.

Schools: All mainstream schools in North Somerset — including Primary/Infant/Junior and secondary schools — are academies. Academies are state-funded and operate independently of local councils. North Somerset Council’s 2025/26 Council Tax Guide confirms that no portion of Council Tax contributes to school budgets; these are entirely government funded. Nailsea Town Council’s 2024/25 budget does not include any allocation for schools.

Medical Services: Primary care services, such as GPs and dentists, are funded by the NHS through central government, not by local council tax precepts. These services therefore do not draw on Nailsea Town Council funds.

North Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau: North Somerset Citizens Advice is a charity, funded through a combination of government support, grants, and public donations. In 2024, its total income was £1,230,430. Citizens Advice states: “We are.....the people’s champion. We give people the knowledge and confidence they need to find their way - whoever they are, and whatever their problem. We are here to help everyone.....”

Skate Park: Wraxall and Failand Parish Council contributed £2,500 towards the construction of the Nailsea Skate Park.

Other Services: Wraxall though its charity has supported several local initiatives, including Wellspring, Nailsea Community Larder (Crown Glass), and the Trussell Trust Foodbank (Southfield Church). Additional grants have also been approved, including support for Nailsea & District Community Transport.

NTC Claim: “Both Site 1 and 2 (as detailed on the map included in the above release by NTC. The sites in question are both located within the Parish of Wraxall and Failand) are within the Settlement Boundary of Nailsea -according to North Somerset Council”

This statement is misleading and lacking clarity

Parish boundaries and settlement boundaries are distinct administrative concepts and serve different purposes.

1. Parish Boundaries define administrative areas for local governance.

2. *Settlement Boundaries are planning tools used solely, in this case, to allow NSC to manage development and prevent urban sprawl. It is not uncommon for settlement boundaries to cross into neighbouring parishes. For example, the built-up area of Weston-super-Mare extends into Hutton Parish, yet both remain separately governed. Also, according to the NSC Settlement Boundary Review Topic Paper for the Local Plan 2038 dated March 2022 Map 23 shows the land to the north of Nailsea and within the parish of Wraxall and Failand as outside the Nailsea Settlement Boundary.*

NTC Claim: "The Inclusion of the Elms and the LVA site (LVA site being an agricultural field located North of Nailsea and in the Parish of Wraxall and Failand) if taken from Wraxall and Failand Parish and included within Nailsea could result in a reduction in Nailsea resident's council tax"

A reduction in Nailsea residents' Council Tax is highly unlikely. Nailsea Town Council has openly stated that its precept (included within the Council Tax) will increase substantially to cover additional devolved services that are planned to be transferred from North Somerset Council. All residents within Nailsea will be required to pay for these in addition to the existing precept included in the Council Tax.

On 24 September 2025, Nailsea Town Council's Community Engagement Committee unanimously recommended withdrawing support for their proposed transfer of The Elms to Nailsea, while maintaining its recommendation for the LVA site transfer. However, during the subsequent full council meeting, NTC led by its Chair chose to reject its own committee's recommendation, reversing this position.

NSC, at a meeting in July 2025 rejected the proposal submitted by NTC for the following reasons:

Over 69% of all submissions received by NSC covering the whole of North Somerset was responding to this proposal all with strong opposition.

It was noted that: North Somerset Council officers consider that no further feedback would be secured by presenting this proposal as a draft recommendation for change during the second-stage consultation

Based on the above Wraxall and Failand Parish Council seriously question the motives of Nailsea Town Council regarding this proposed boundary change.

Wraxall and Failand Parish Council strongly believes that the spread of misinformation harms both communities and undermines public trust. Therefore, any representations, votes, or submissions made in favour of the boundary change which were influenced by or based upon the misleading information circulated by Nailsea Town Council should be discounted from the ongoing Community Governance Review process.

This step is necessary to ensure that the review's outcome reflects genuine, informed public opinion, free from the influence of false or distorted claims. This is sought in the interests of fairness, transparency, and accountability, and to help restore public trust in the integrity of the democratic process."

- *While I support the current draft recommendations for Congresbury, I would like to emphasise the importance of maintaining the parish's independence and distinct identity in any future reviews.*

The River Yeo provides a clear natural boundary separating Congresbury from Yatton and should continue to define the parish area. Future development north of the river must not be used to justify merging or altering parish boundaries.

I also urge North Somerset Council to recognise the ongoing pressures on infrastructure and local services caused by housing growth and ensure that Congresbury retains strong local representation on planning and transport issues.

Finally, I support continued collaboration with nearby parishes such as Yatton, Puxton, and Churchill on shared issues, but within a framework that preserves each parish's autonomy and voice."

- *We were asked to make comments on a draft proposal but can see that we are not being given the opportunity to vote on the proposal to move The Elms and land north of Nailsea into the Nailsea parish. Why has this been removed?*
- *We urge North Somerset Council to respect the outcome of the first democratic vote regarding parish boundaries and to accept the community's decision to remain within Wraxall Parish. Continuing to push the process through multiple stages until a preferred result is achieved undermines public trust in local democracy. Our community values being part of Wraxall Parish, where representation is more local, responsive, and closely connected to residents. We also ask that Nailsea Town Council refrain from sharing misleading or biased information intended to overturn the original decision. Councillors are reminded that they are elected to represent the community's wishes and the collective views, rather their personal opinions and agendas*
- *We moved to Wraxall to live in a semi-rural and peaceful location. My children have had an idyllic childhood being brought up to appreciate local community spirit and the open countryside and farmland that surrounds them. They both attended our local school, Wraxall Primary, which was an amazing start to schooling. Again, we picked the school for it's peaceful surroundings and outlook across farmland and open countryside. Local farmers would often come into the school to do talks with the children. They also attended several educational days at the Tyntesfield estate. My children walked to and from school across the fields. Far better than walking/driving the busy roads into Nailsea. I am sure the school intake will lose a lot of its catchment pupils, if Wraxall loses the Elms as part of it's community. Wraxall has lost a lot over the last few years, especially it's two pubs, but what makes a community is the people, and snatching such a large portion of the community from the area (the people that live on the Elms, we are people, not just an area up for grabs) is just not right. We very much see ourselves as Wraxall residents and not Nailsea. Most of my friends live in Wraxall or Failand.*

Local amenities are already stretched to cope with the current number of residents. Adding masses of further houses (which seems to be NTC goal) will overwhelm amenities and local infrastructure. All the schools in the area are already annually over-subscribed. Children from Bristol to Weston are already travelling to attend the local schools. Nailsea Secondary school is already struggling with having to increase student intake every year. With more pressure to cope with more numbers, the services will be further diluted and standards drop further. Again, this is of no benefit to the local area and people."

- *We live in a village and remain in a village. Wraxall has been a village for us all our lives and we do not want to be included in the catastrophe of Nailsea.: Empty shops, housing without infrastructure.*
- *We have moved here recently and would like to remain within wraxall. We regularly utilise the land around with our family and are also eager to encourage wildlife and green spaces around us. This is the reason we moved to this area with our young children.*
- *We are Wraxall. Together we stand. We have lived here 26 years, in Wraxall.*
- *To listen to the residents. Protect the Green belt. Do not let this beautiful Green area to be overdeveloped to the detriment of the current residents and the environment"*
- *This proposal has been very poorly handled, by both North Somerset & Hutton Parish Councils.*

Hutton council have repeatedly published incorrect information.

We were not made aware of the first stage consultation by either council and I do not believe that North Somerset have met their legal obligation of notifying impacted residents. Only the residents of Woodside, were written to and a large proportion of residents never received the letters. We were informed by Hutton council that the residents who will remain in Hutton were not notified, despite Hutton Councils income being predicted to reduce by c30%. This will inevitably mean higher taxes or a reduction in services and facilities for the Hutton residents, which is a clear impact that they have not be notified of, as per the legal requirement. The Hutton & North Somerset Councillor informed us that it is not reasonable for North Somerset Council to contact all residents of the current parish of Hutton. I believe that it is both reasonable and entirely possible as the council holds either email or postal contact information for every residential property in the parish in order to send out our Council Tax bills,"

- *This is purely an excise to get more money.*

Nailsea already have huge amounts of new housing all paying into the pot.

Or is it simply to gain another piece of land to build on?"

This is a very long process most residents will have commented on the draft recommendations and now have to answer the same questions once again.

- *There's a lot of complex information for residents to read, understand and reflect upon, in a rather short timeline*
- *There should be a public announcement on all social media platforms prior to any changes being implemented.*
- *There has been no evidence provided to me that shows any benefits of this scheme to me as resident of Wraxall.*
- *There has been far too much development in Nailsea (and Backwell) without corresponding infrastructure. Roads are inadequate and facilities are inadequate. Green fields (and green belt) are being abused by ever encroaching development and any mitigation of affordable housing is a joke. Wildlife is being pushed to the edge and developers are not sympathetic to the environment just wanting to up their profits. Nailsea is becoming a run down, shops closed, scruffy town centre but with ever increasing council tax for which we don't get adequate value for money.*
- *The transfer would significantly reduce the income available to Wraxall and Failand Parish Council, limiting its ability to provide services and maintain facilities for residents in the wider parish. This would have a direct and negative impact on the quality of life for the parish as a whole.*

The Elms has historically been part of Wraxall and Failand, and its residents share a sense of belonging to this community. Moving the estate into the Nailsea Town Council area would undermine this established identity and erode long-standing social ties.

Nailsea Town Council represents a larger, less rural, and less attractive environment compared to Wraxall. Inclusion in the town would mean residents lose the benefits of being part of a smaller, more community-focused parish, which was a key reason many chose to live here in the first place.

The proposal offers no discernible advantages for Wraxall and Failand Parish Council or the residents of The Elms. On the contrary, it results in financial, social, and cultural losses with no clear gains.

For these reasons, I maintain that The Elms should remain within the parish of Wraxall and Failand and respectfully urge you to reject the proposal."

- *The plans to increase housing in Nailsea (and Backwell) are absurd. The town is already under supported with insufficient schools, dentists and doctors to support the area properly. The road infrastructure is not capable of taking increased traffic from extra housing and congestion has already been made much worse by the introduction of car parking charges (which will ultimately lead to further decay in the town centre as independent shops are forced to close. Use brown field sites, mainly in Bristol, for increased housing. Wildlife is under threat already without destroying green belt.*
- *The 'one parish' argument is at best of no merit and at worst disingenuous. All of the proposals appear to take from Brockley Parish and give nothing back.*
- *The elected members of North Somerset Council , and their management is so inept they are currently burying themselves in debt.*
- *The communication about the first consultation was very limited. I would have also like to have know who proposed the changes (i.e. how many people backed the proposal) or at least why the changes were suggested (i.e. what would be the benefits?).*
- *Stop wasting money and resources*
- *Stop building on farm.land*
- *Stop all building on farm land*
- *Seems the whole area is being ruin and not going to be a nice place to live for those of us already here*
- *Please see my previous comments.*
- *"Please see my comments regarding NSC not fully informing residents that they have to vote again in the same matter! The vote was previously that this land remain in Wraxall and Failand and this should be accepted!"*
- *please please consider the people in woodside who do not wish to be moved to weston super mare boundry thank you*
- *Please please concentrate on matters that can resolve the degeneration of the locality. Nailsea town centre is nothing but barbers. Charity shops, & coffee shops. The old Weston college premises have stood empty for years when oh when is something going to happen to rejuvenate the area.*
- *Please listen and support Nailsea Town Council and the people who live in Nailsea*
- *Please keep village parish boundaries as they are! Moving boundaries only a tick box exercise and does not increase the council services to residents. Two many new build being built on green field land. Once it built on you cannot get it back.*
- *Only that - all interested parties should be given sufficient time to respond to any DRAFT REPORT and very careful consideration needs to be given to the impact decisions may have.*
We need to know who is making these decisions - there must be flexibility to get this as right as possible first time and we need to know that quite literally that there is not going to be a heavy price to pay! Public money must not be wasted in ill conceived thinking that just will not work!"
- *NTC should not be allowed to publish misleading and factually incorrect information. It is wrong that NTC ignored the recommendation of their own Community Engagement Committee the first time round and it will be disgraceful when they ignore it a second time round. Listen to Wraxall residents*

- *NTC claims about use of schools and the NHS is scurrilous and should be condemned."*
 - *North Somerset Council must listen to the local residence. It is opening funds on unnecessary projects for example bus lanes where few busses travel. Like altering the sea front in Clevedon. They did not listen to the locals*
 - *No more housing developments in Nailsea - we DO NOT have the infrastructure or services in the town*
 - *Nailsea Town Council would like to speak in person to the relevant NSC committee/cabinet before the final decisions are made.*
 - *Nailsea Town Council isn't nearly as responsive as Wraxall and Failand Parish Council if you're reporting anything or asking them to do something. The precept you pay the council will also go up if the Elms become part of Nailsea. The property value on the Elms may go down being part of Nailsea. There is no benefit as a resident of the Elms becoming part of Nailsea.*
 - *Nailsea Town Council already have several new residential developments from which they generate income. Wraxall and Failand parish have always worked for the Elms development and this should continue to be the case in the future. Democracy must prevail...*
 - *Lived in this area all my life. Wraxall is a Village now and always has been: it needs to stay that way. We do not want to be a part of Nailsea sprawl, already so many empty shops, insufficient amenities and poor infrastructure,*
 - *Listen to the people and stick to the decision which has been so clearly voiced. The elms is within wraxall.*
 - *Leave wraxall and failand alone . Its bad enough you are destroying Nailsea and backwell but leave us alone .*
 - *Keep the elms in Wraxall and failand*
 - *I'm a little astonished that this recommendation has been made. The few houses that fall outside the existing Parish boundary appear to be the catalyst and in my opinion, it would make far more sense to bring them into Hutton Parish that tear the existing Parish apart.*
 - *If there is any information about the potential of more new build houses being built on the land behind the bungalows on Oldmixon Road.*
 - *I would like to support the creation of protecting the beautiful area between Backwell lake and The Perrings in Nailsea. The permissive footpath (used daily for very many years) linking the Perrings to Backwell Lake should be re-opened immediately. I note that this area may be hallmarked for Green Belt status. I feel that it is important to protect this unique space from future development given its beauty, invaluable wildlife and plant habitats and its continued regular and highly popular use as a green space by the community.*
 - *I would like to have had a vote on the draft proposal to move the Elms and land to North of Nailsea into the Parish of Nailsea but have not been given the opportunity. This is a farce.*
 - *I wish to see the Elms and the surrounding land to the north and northeast of Nailsea, REMAIN WITHIN WRAXALL & FAILAND PARISH !!"*
 - *I want the Breen Belt to remain a Green Belt*
 - *I view the whole desire to change boundaries as purely political to gain more control to grow Nailsea town council to the detriment of a perfectly capable W&F parish council.*
- I view NTC's desire to change boundaries as a financial smokescreen to generate more revenue.*

Any claim of a use of services being exploited if true could be said of residents from Long Ashton, Backwell, Yatton, Portishead Etc. entering Nailsea to benefit from facilities and services. Should Nailsea TC provide financial support to those towns for when a Nailsea resident uses services in those towns ???"

- I think that the area should not have more building. The flood plain around the Yeo is important and the ramifications of reducing this flood plain will affect the water table both in the local area and other areas. Nailsea has already become much larger in recent decades." I strongly stand behind the wraxall/ nailsea boundaries staying as they are. I cannot see any benefit to changing them and feel the traditional boundaries to be very important.*
- I strongly believe that residents of the Elms should be listened to especially as our existing Parish Council still wants to take care of us. A land grab to get hold of the rates we pay by a neighbouring council with no thought to the wishes of the existing residents calls to mind Donald Trump's wishes to annex Canada and Greenland.*
- I should not have to pay even more money for you to mismanage and waste when the service's we receive are constantly being cut.*
- I refer to my previous answer.*
- I not made aware of the first stage consultation by either council and I do not believe that North Somerset have met their legal obligation of notifying impacted residents. Only the residents of leaving the parish, were written to and I along with a large proportion of residents never received the letters. We were informed by Hutton council that the residents who will remain in Hutton were not notified, despite Hutton Councils income being predicted to reduce by c30%. This will inevitably mean higher taxes or a reduction in services and facilities for the Hutton residents, which is a clear impact that they have not be notified of, as per the legal requirement. The Hutton & North Somerset Councillor informed us that it is not reasonable for North Somerset Council to contact all residents of the current parish of Hutton. I believe that it is both reasonable and entirely possible as the council holds either email or postal contact information for every residential property in the parish in order to send out our Council Tax bills, Hutton council have repeatedly published incorrect information."*
- "I moved to Wraxall over ten years ago to enjoy my retirement in a peaceful, close-knit community. Since then, this village has truly become my home, and I've grown deeply attached to the people, the surroundings, and the strong sense of belonging that Wraxall offers. I am very concerned about the proposed boundary changes, which could affect not just my home but many others in the area. These aren't just minor adjustments—they risk disrupting the community spirit that makes Wraxall so special. At my stage in life, stability and community are more important than ever, and the idea of being moved out of the parish I chose to settle in is deeply upsetting. We already made our voices heard back in 2009, voting to remain part of Wraxall and Failand Parish Council. That choice still matters today, and I sincerely ask that it be respected. Please keep the boundaries as they are—for the sake of all of us who call Wraxall home."*
- I fully support keeping the existing boundary for Wraxall and Failand. The Elms and adjoining land should remain within that boundary.*
- I appreciate being kept informed of both arguments so that I can respond accordingly*

- *I am strongly opposed to the Settlement Boundary proposal put forward by Nailsea Town Council (NTC), to redraw their boundary in order to pilfer The Elms and land N & NE of Nailsea, from Wraxall and Failand Parish Council (W&FPC). Should this proposal receive approval it will have a detrimental effect on both W&FPC and the residents affected. Such a change does not, and would not, reflect the identity and interests of the local community, who are best served by W&FPC and whose residents have previously overwhelmingly voted to remain within its boundary. It is my firm view that the residents of Wraxall in general, The Elms and surrounding lands in particular, and specifically that of my family and I, are best and most appropriately, represented by the views and policies of W&FPC, most especially its Neighbourhood Plan. It is my view that NTCs proposal is an opportunistic one and not rooted in benefitting the local community and its residents. I wish to register my OBJECTION.*
- *I am not sure of the point of Government reviews, I have no doubt the decision is already made. If this isn't already decided why is there an expensive review. There is certainly no advantage to residents being moved out of Kewstoke.*
- *I am concerned that there are real issues at North Somerset Council which means that the right governance structure is not in place or is not being adhered to. The proposals put in place are not justifiable or equitable and the fact that they have been proposed without the right due diligence suggests something is not working at North Somerset Council or there are wrong people in charge who are pressing ahead with these proposals and decisions.*
- *I am a resident of Wraxall, and I am deeply concerned about the proposed boundary changes that could affect my home, many other properties, and surrounding land.*

This is not just about lines on a map—it's about our sense of belonging and the community we've built over the years. My home has always been part of Wraxall, and I've been proud to contribute to the life of the parish. Changing the boundary would undermine the identity of our area and place an unfair financial burden on the residents who remain.

We already made our position clear in 2009 when we voted to stay within Wraxall and Failand Parish Council. That decision still reflects the will of the community today. I urge you to respect that choice and keep our boundaries unchanged."

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- *Having been a resident of Wraxall for 27 years I am deeply concerned about the proposed boundary changes that could affect my home, many other properties, and surrounding land.*

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- *For a significant review this has been very poorly publicised and it shouldn't be only due to the parish councils efforts.*
- *Building on Land Yeo will be a disaster for all locals and wildlife of Land Yeo.*
- *Any new development in this area should NOT be undertaken before the infrastructure is improved, particularly road access.*
- *I assumed, clearly erroneously, that the Community Governance Review would have, as a priority, economy of scale. With each individual parish council requiring the services of a clerk, often at considerable expense, amalgamating several like-minded councils would be to the benefit of all. Also, not many councils have their full quota of members at present as local residents do not choose to offer their services as they, perhaps, do not perceive the need for this level of local government in the first place.*