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Related subject: Coker division and Yeovil surrounding area

There is much local concern about the outcome of the parliamentary review which removed multi generation connections between the villages of Norton sub Hamdon, Stoke-sub Hamdon, Montacute etc from the Yeovil Constituency.

Local transport routes, schools, community organisations etc this then leaves a further muddle to sort out.

This anomaly really needs to be sorted before adding more confusion with the county boundaries.

No doubt there will be many reasons, none of which will involve the consideration of local people which says that is now not possible, which if so will be unfortunate.

So then to avoid further problems county boundaries should at least be co-terminus with parliamentary boundaries.

In making the changes it would be no doubt more convenient to have larger multi-member divisions but that then makes more distant the concept of local government particularly in rural areas.

To impose the nationally inspired review of Somerset Council against the majority wish of the local population the single unitary authority was created with the minimum number of councillors it was thought could be got away with, now by attrition this element is being further eroded.

For local democracy to be relevant to local people it needs to be logical, aligned with how communities interact and not for mathematical convenience and to look good on a spreadsheet as part of a theoretical project exercise.

Please do all you can to fix the problems recently created or at least as a minimum don't make them any worse.

Attached Documents:

None attached