

# Somerset

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** West Somerset

Carhampton Parish Council has discussed fully the report and recommendations of Somerset Council's Electoral Review Working Group which were presented to the Constitution and Governance Committee of Somerset Council on 14 January 2025 for submission as Somerset Council's Phase 2 response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

It congratulates Somerset Council and those involved in compiling this submission, which Carhampton Parish Council supports as being carefully considered and pragmatic. Carhampton Parish Council has two comments (not objections).

1. Brompton Regis may have closer connections with Dulverton and Exmoor than it does with the coastal belt, but it shares a parish magazine (The Brendon Beacon) with Upton and Skilgate.
2. Luxborough may look to the coastal belt rather than to Dulverton and Exmoor. It is definitely a Brendon Hill parish. However, it has historic links with Cutcombe.

To swap these two parishes between Dulverton\Exmoor and Carhampton electoral divisions, would mean a net electorate transfer of 218, which may create an imbalance in electorate numbers ( 5,113 and 4,640) for the two divisions. The Brompton Regis and Luxborough parish councils will have their views and should be consulted.

Carhampton Parish Council also considers it appropriate for the division to be titled Carhampton, in recognition of Carhampton as the largest settlement in the proposed division.

Therefore with these two queries (certainly not objections) Carhampton Parish Council gives strong approval to Somerset Council's proposed submission to the Boundary Commission.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*