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Related subject: Hartcliffe and withywood ward

The view I have may seem unconventional, but rather than increasing the wards, I think there's good scope to decrease the size of the current wards.

The parts of Hartcliffe and withywood ward that border with North Somerset via Dundry, could be made part of North Somerset. As I understand this used to be the case with some of the area, before the boundary was moved and absorbed into Bristol.

The reason I think this is with personal experience living on the boundary line, we've found it difficult getting school places and drs, it was actually easier to apply for schools further away in North Somerset, than the current local

Ones in Bristol (one school was 0.5km from our address and even in the second round of applications we were 16 on the waiting list) this was due to the dense population of Bristol.

For many people this results in a post code lottery, for school places drs and other services. Moving parts of the ward in to North Somerset would also then free up services for other Bristol residents.

This idea could be expanded along area of the stock wood and Whitchurch wards.

I'm involved in a lot of local groups and my experience has been felt with a lot of other people, who have chosen to send there children to schools in chew valley, but then struggle to access services like drs in either ward, as you can't register from our p code for the drs in chew valley and the drs in our local area are very over subscribed.

Decreasing the boundary size would help solve this, as a long time resident of chew valley before I moved to Bristol ten years ago, I've seen the difference in moving wards, schools in chew valley are often under subscribed, the drs were also always excepting patients.

I hope this is an idea that could be explored. My personal opinion, is that an ever expanding Bristol is not what the areas need, and that freeing up of current services, with more funding would be more beneficial to all residents.

Attached Documents:

None attached