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Related subject: Chesil Bank Ward

We are responding to the Local Government Boundary Review consultation regarding Chesil Bank Ward in the Dorset Council area.

Chesil Bank Ward represents a distinct rural community with strong local identity, shared interests and long-standing connections between its villages, residents, landscapes and services. The ward is not simply a line on a map; it reflects a recognisable community with common rural concerns, including access to local services, transport, farming, coastal and countryside issues, environmental protection, flood risk, and the preservation of village character.

We do not wish to see any changes to the rural boundary of Chesil Bank Ward. The existing boundary works well because it respects the natural geography and community links of the area. Altering it could risk separating communities that currently identify with one another and could weaken effective local representation.

Rural wards need councillors who understand the specific needs of dispersed settlements, smaller villages and countryside communities. Maintaining the current boundary would help ensure that Chesil Bank continues to be represented as a coherent rural ward with shared priorities.

We therefore ask that the existing rural boundary of Chesil Bank Ward be retained.

Attached Documents:

None attached