

Dorset

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Related subject: Wimborne/Colehill/Furzehill/Holt

The current Dorset Council Ward is not co-terminus with the Town Council area. In particular it includes part of the Wimborne Minster Town Council area (the DC electoral ward COM4 - known as Wimborne Minster East), however the Dorset Council Ward also includes some rural areas, which were formerly part of the Colehill Town Council area but were transferred to Holt Parish Council in a recent local governance review.

It would make sense and would be better understood by electors, if the "Furzehill Lobe", as we call it, could be transferred into the adjacent DC ward of Stour and Allen Vale. The area is already identifiable as the Dorset Council Polling District of COM5, being currently (and confusingly for residents) in Holt CP for the purposes of the Parish/Town Council and yet in Colehill and Wimborne Minster East for the purposes of Dorset Council. COM5 has a projected electorate of 202 in 2032 - so it is only a small change. All areas of Wimborne Minster, Colehill and Holt Parish are now, fortunately, within the Mid-Dorset and North Poole Parliamentary Constituency and so there is no longer the conflict with constituency boundaries as there used to be when Holt CP was in the North Dorset constituency.

We remain concerned that the Colehill and Wimborne Minster East area has 13 Housing Option Sites being considered for inclusion in the Dorset Council Local Plan - a potential 2,632 new homes. While these option sites may not be taken up and, those that are will not all be developed by 2032, there is still a likelihood that we will have considerably more homes and associated electors by that date and therefore Dorset Council's projected electorate of 7,791 (excluding COM5) seems conservative.

Attached Documents:

None attached