

## South Gloucestershire

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### Comment text:

Dear Commission I am supportive of your proposal to increase the size of Longwell Green ward through expanding up into Oldland Parish through incorporating the Parish Wards of Willsbridge and Orchard. Indeed, this returns Willsbridge to Longwell Green district ward as it was prior to the previous Local Government Boundary Commission Review. Being part of the same parish, Willsbridge and Orchard Wards already have a great deal in common with Longwell Green. I have seen a strange proposal that would see Longwell Green split along the Hanham Abbots/Oldland Parish boundary along the A431 Bath Road. Although this is the parish boundary, it doesn't reflect the fact that the Longwell Green community spans both sides of the Bath Road. Longwell Green's local centre runs up both sides of the Bath Road. On one side (in Oldland Parish) we have a coffee shop, hairdressers, takeaway, Tesco store, estate agents and church. On the opposite side (in Hanham Abbots Parish), we have a Lidl supermarket and Harvester restaurant. Longwell Green Community Centre is set back around 100metres from Bath Road in Oldland Parish. Longwell Green Primary School is set back around 100metres from Bath Road in Hanham Abbots Parish. Similar to the Commission's assertion about the role of the A420 in Kingswood High Street, the A431 in Longwell Green "is a community focus, rather than a dividing line, and as such it should not be used as a ward boundary." All of these shops, services and facilities are used equally by Longwell Green residents living on both sides of the parish boundary. Longwell Green is one thriving community, which shouldn't be split up and should - in line with the Commission's draft proposals - be expanded into Oldland Parish to achieve good electoral parity. Kind regards, Cllr Christine Price Longwell Green District Councillor, South Gloucestershire Council [REDACTED]

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