

South Gloucestershire**Personal Details:****Name:** Anthony England**E-mail:** **Postcode:** **Organisation Name:****Comment text:**

My name is Tony England and I live in Rockhampton, a small rural village which is at present part of Severn Ward. Severn Ward consists of several rural parishes, this is a good arrangement as it means our Ward Member can understand and concentrate on matters which affect the rural communities. Although we are physically near to Thornbury the concerns and wishes of Thornbury's predominantly urban dwellers differ from our own small village and any combination of our parish into a Thornbury Ward would mean our voice is less likely to be heard than in a predominantly rural Ward. I believe it is the intention to reduce the number of South Gloucestershire Council members and reorganise boundaries to achieve this. I hope this will not cause the fragmentation of Severn Ward where the current grouping of rural parishes works very well. You are doubtless aware of the significant amount of new housing being built in the Thornbury North Ward which will markedly increase the number of voters. I suggest this is another reason why there should be no proposal that Rockhampton parish might be reallocated into Thornbury North Ward. If voter numbers need to be increased in Severn Ward, Falfield parish, which is also a predominantly rural community but at present part of Thornbury North, could be included in Severn Ward? The present grouping of the rural parishes including Rockhampton in Severn Ward works very well and should not be changed.

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