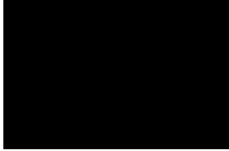


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The Secretary
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30 May 2006

Dear Sir,

ELECTORAL RECOMMENDATIONS: OLDLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you for your letter of 16 May and a copy of the Boundary Committee report into electoral arrangements for South Gloucestershire.

The Parish Council continues to maintain the position set out in the letter of 25 October 2004. I have attached a copy of the data used to support the arguments made in that letter.

The Parish Council wishes that the following points are carefully considered as being material to the outcome of the future of the Parish Ward boundaries:

1. The mis-spelling of names in the Parish (ie Wraxhall should read Wraxall and Parkwell should read Parkwall) indicates a lack of understanding of the area and its history and is very discourteous.
2. Cock Ridge Ward was created by the Boundary Committee as part of a previous review. It is now a recognised part of Oldland Parish and must retain this independence. Its separate identity is more important than the size of the Ward.
3. Orchard Ward is accepted but a less erratic boundary would be preferred.

4. Wraxall Ward is too big at the expense of Cadbury Heath Ward. Much of the old village centre of Cadbury Heath will now not be in the Cadbury Heath Ward. This is clearly a failure to reflect the nature of the local communities.

Yours sincerely



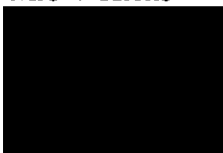
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25 October 2004

Dear Mr Saunders

PERIODIC ELECTORAL REVIEW

During the past few months the Parish Council has been considering opportunities under the Periodic Electoral Review to address the inequalities in representation within the wards of the parish. It has been agreed (Council resolution: 166/04) made on 19 October 2004 to seek the support of yourself and South Gloucs Council to the following recommendation:

Barrs Court ward	reduce from 3 to 2
Cadbury Heath ward	reduce from 7 to 5
Cock Ridge ward	no change at 1
Longwell Green ward	reduce from 4 to 3
Willsbridge ward	no change at 1
Wraxall ward	reduce from 3 to 2
Orchard ward	increase to 1

This will reduce the number of parish councillors from 19 to 15. It will also create a new ward which the Parish Council suggests should be known as 'Orchard Ward'. The analysis of elector changes is set out on the attached sheet.

Yours sincerely

Victoria Hicks
Clerk to the Council