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Dear Sirs,

We have carefully considered the suggestions for boundary changes which have some logic.

As a community, North Loose is more closely aligned to Loose Village (Loose Parish Council) than elsewhere and as such, we would suggest that North Loose is more closely linked to Loose Village than it is to Tovil. These communities face common issues and in particular share travel connections and services such as doctors' surgeries, schools, local retail and recreational facilities. The existing Loose Parish could be retained as the southern boundary while the northern boundary could start at the Wheatsheaf junction and include North View and Mayfair Avenue. If the properties at Saxon Way and Cripple Street down to Teasaucer Hill were to be included, this would represent a clear and coherent area that already has close links.

This would mean that the properties north of the boundary line in Lacock Gardens, Enterprise Road, etc would be part of Tovil, a reasonable suggestion as many people in that area already consider they are part of Tovil. It would also tidy up the south east boundary between South Ward and Boughton Monchelsea Wards, which currently does not follow any logical physical feature and just cuts across open fields and a school field.

These suggested changes would create a united community rather than a split between different geographic communities and no sense of belonging for residents.

Yours faithfully,

Jacqueline Day  
Secretary  
North Loose Residents Association/Neighbourhood Planning Forum