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Related subject: North Petherton

Local Government Boundary Commission for England
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Dear Sir/Madam

We would like to draw the attention of the LGBCE to the situation in our Division which makes it difficult to have North Petherton Town Council area split into two Divisions and our support for a two member division.

The 2030 Numbers for North Petherton are as follows:

Parish Polling District Current Division 2030
Forecast
N-BAQ Broomfield North Petherton 189
N-BBF Lyng North Petherton 261
N-BCD Thurloxtton North Petherton 129
N-BBL North Petherton North Newton North Petherton 605
N-BBM North Petherton North Petherton 1 North Petherton 4,422

N-BBN North Petherton North Petherton 2 North Petherton 3,809
N-BBO North Petherton Northmoor Green North Petherton 88
N-BBP North Petherton Northmoor Green North Petherton 304
9,808

The Geography of North Petherton Town Council area means that BBM and BBN polling districts are two small to be separated and two large to be together and create a single member division. There is also no solution that allows combining with Bridgwater Town to the north that would work as BAI is also too big to combine with BBN.

The mean electorate of 4867 would mean that this ward would be within the range of 4381-5353 10% deviation with two elected members based on the current boundaries. Currently Lyng, Broomfield and Thurloxtton parishes are also within North Petherton Division. Our preference would be to retain these. We would also be open to the addition of parishes to the west of North Petherton.

We would remind you that the North Petherton Division prior to 2013 contained parishes to the east of North Petherton (Westonzoyland, Othery and Middlezoy). These are separated from the rest of the division by the River Parrett and we do not believe that represents a good geographical combination.

You may also be aware that a small part of North Petherton Town comes under the Bridgwater South – Polling District BBK with 228 voters. We would support this becoming part of Bridgwater Town Council area under a community governance review and it should become part of the BAI polling district.

Councillor Alan Bradford Councillor Bill Revans
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(Conservative) (Liberal Democrat)

Attached Documents:

None attached