

# Somerset

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Wellington and Rockwell Green and Blackdown and Neroche

At its meeting on the 2 December 2024 The Town Council resolved to make the following submission..

Wellington is a growing town and as with all towns has a unique identity. The Town Council too is growing and ambitious as it has demonstrated by being prepared to step in to take over assets and services from Somerset Council to support it in achieving the financial savings it needs to make.

The Town Council has indicated to Somerset Council that it intends to seek a Community Governance Review of its own boundary as are a number of other town and parish councils in Somerset. This is on the basis that there are developments planned, and other potential development sites outside of the current boundary of the town but which when built will directly impact on the town and its facilities. As things stand the town would not receive any S106 or Community Infrastructure Levy funding. Instead it would go to the parishes where the developments are built. The Town Council believes that ideally the Community Governance Review should take place at the same time as the LGBC review so that its recommendations reflect the findings of the Community Governance Review.

In that context Wellington Town Council believes that the Unitary Council division boundary for Wellington and Rockwell Green should be coterminous with the Town Council's boundary preferably taking in to account the findings of a Community Governance Review but, failing that, its current boundary.

As it stands the Wellington East Ward of the Town Council is part of the Blackdown and Neroche Division which means that a small proportion of the town's residents are being represented by councillors who have to cover a very large geographical area stretching from Churchstanton in the south to Hatch Beauchamp in the east.

This response should not be seen as a criticism of the current councillors simply a desire to see all the residents of Wellington and Rockwell

Green being part of the same division.

Given the potential size of the town The Town Council believes that it requires at least two councillors and potentially up to four councillors to adequately represent its residents.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*