

JAMES GRAY MP



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I understand that a consultation process is starting shortly for a Community Governance Review, as part of which Corsham Town Council have proposed that a very large part of Box Parish should be assimilated into Corsham Parish. I would be very grateful if you would take the following thoughts into consideration as you deal with the review.

First, if Chapel Plaister and Wadswick, both of which have always been part of North Wiltshire, were to be subsumed into Corsham Parish, there may well become a presumption in favour of changing the boundary of the Parliamentary constituencies of North Wiltshire and Chippenham to match, which I would very much regret.

More concerning than that is that Box Parish Council will lose a significant revenue generation to Corsham Town Council. While I can understand the rationale for moving Katherine Park into Corsham, I do not see why the other areas like Chapel Plaister, Wadswick and Lower Wadswick would benefit from being part of Corsham.

I am especially concerned about the financial implications for Box Parish Council, should the boundary change go ahead.

I would be grateful if you would keep me up to date on developments and register my objections to these plans.

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cc Mrs Margaret Carey, Clerk to Box Parish Council