

Wakefield

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Dear Jonathan

Thank you for providing the Council with an opportunity to comment on the proposed warding pattern for Wakefield Council.

We were pleased that the LGBCE acknowledged in the draft recommendations that Wakefield Council's proposal had provided a uniform pattern of three-councillor wards for Wakefield and had taken the view that the proposed pattern of wards suggested resulted in good levels of electoral equality in most areas of the authority and generally used clearly identifiable boundaries. As a result, the LGBCE's draft recommendations were based on the Council's proposals albeit with some modifications based on other feedback received, which was welcomed at the Full Council meeting held on 24th July 2024.

Council recommended that any individual Councillors who may wish to make a submission on behalf of their Ward be encouraged to do so. Your

recommendations were also shared with Town and Parish Clerks across the District should they also wish to contribute.

In advance of the full Council meeting, representations were received from Ward 9 Members who asked that the name of the current Knottingley Ward be renamed 'Knottingley and Ferrybridge' to better reflect local identity and community ties. This proposal was supported by Council, and as such we would ask that this name change be considered with a view to it forming part of your final recommendations.

Best wishes

Gillian

Attached Documents:

None attached