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Comment text:

Related subject: Castleford Central & Glasshoughton

The revised boundary proposed splitting Healdfield Road and also splitting the Queens Park area at the same time is totally flawed and makes no sense. It would appear that existing ward councillors would like to keep the PR advantages of Queens Park but the majority of the access points to areas in the park are from the adjoining current ward Airedale. This change may be very unpopular with people and I suspect nobody is aware of this change apart from ward councillors. The remaining houses on the east side split of Healdfield road do not have any access by road, foot or anything else to the adjoining ward Airedale, the road is a dead end, the school, cemetery, civic centre, hired sport fields, woods adjoining Queens Park, etc are amenities that cause many access, ASB, etc problems for the residents on the remaining part of Healdfield road, "estate". To maroon these people as the proposed boundary change indicates will cause endless problems for the residents and create conflicts for ward councillors to manage.

I would like to hear the response of the proposed change and who or where these proposals have originated from.

Attached Documents:

None attached

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Firstly, it is NOT true that there are public footpaths maintained from Healdfield Road residents to Airedale. Absolutely false information. Prove this WMDC, this is NOT true and anybody who would like to demonstrate how anyone can take a simple stroll from my house to anywhere in Airedale , which would geographically mean climbing down a very steep hill. walking a further 2 miles up another Massive "manmade cutting into solid rock " decades ago hill steeply to reach the outskirts of Airedale is an easy walk , I advise them to wear fitness gear, bring water to drink, and possibly train for a half marathon in preparation. Put your life at risk and try a bike ride up and down both hills perhaps?

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footprints...look at a map perhaps?

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 June 2024 12:59
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Castleford Central & Glasshoughton ward boundary changes - [REDACTED] (section 38)

Thank you.

Please can I view the **evidence submitted by the council?**

Please can I also view, in particular, **the evidence to support the statement** in the report as follows:
“we note that electors in this area do have footpath access into Airedale & Ferry Fryston ward”

I do not think this proposal is in line with the commission’s considerations of “ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity” either. The resultant community identity will have to be a 'split personality' if this proposal goes ahead.

I could gather support for the proposal to be dropped, if required, but at this point it would not be beneficial to the reputation of either WMDC officers, ward councillors or the commission. I loathe any ridicule of local government officers but this will become a reason for local people in this area to say they are a laughing stock, I have no doubts on that.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]

On 11 Jun 2024, at 14:38, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@LGBCE.ORG.UK> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

As you will note from the report, the Commission transferred the Healdfield Road area into Airedale & Ferry Fryston ward proposal based on evidence submitted by the Council, to ensure good electoral equality across wards. However, we welcomed comments on this decision - given that we were concerned by the lack of clear, direct access routes into the ward from the Healdfield Road area.

I nonetheless note the evidence provided which opposes such a proposal, and we will take this into account when we formulate our final recommendations.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Thank you for the clarification on deadlines.

I am still querying the statement made in section 38 of the document which you have kindly sent me again. I was referring to this version in my previous email.

Where exactly are the maintained public footpaths that provide access from Healdfield Road East area to the first residential building in the Airedale ward?

I have yet to find them in over 3 years of living in [REDACTED]

I would be willing to accompany any officer who can show me these.

Perhaps a "virtual" view has misled someone. If the barren land which is very steep, fly tipped, often covered in horses which are let off from tethers is the area that is going to have new housing on etc then surely this will increase the number of electors in the Airedale ward. To future proof the numbers the amount of proposed housing in that Ward is surely going to solve the issue.

I cannot believe this proposal has managed to be suggested in the first place. The rationale that there are any connections or access is completely and utterly flawed.

I will await your response in respect of the location of the public footpaths. Please send me a marked map and I will be happy to be proved wrong. We have absolutely no shops, food outlets or anything here so it would be wonderful to find a route to amenities.

Thanks

On 10 Jun 2024, at 12:19, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

The consultation on our draft recommendations on new ward boundaries in Wakefield ends on 7 September. We have made no final decision on ward boundaries yet. We welcome submissions in relation to ward boundary proposals across Wakefield during this period.

The report which details and justifies our recommendations can be found here - https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2024-05/wakefield_dr_full_report_edit.pdf

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 4:25 PM
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: Castleford Councillor ward boundary changes - [REDACTED]

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