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Related subject: North Ormesby

I lived in North Ormesby for 30+ years before moving to Acklam and my Mam lived on kings road until 2019. Looking at the last review the electorate in 2012 was 2231 with an expected electorate of 2268 for the year 2018. Where have all the residents gone as there's now only 1976. Nothings been knocked down and theres new apartments opposite the market place.

I follow social media with an interest on topics associated with North Ormesby and it's interesting to note that North Ormesby has 6 registered HMO's and 54 unregistered. We know residents moving into HMO's are there for short times until they get there own places. I question the electorate numbers in North Ormesby as it has to be higher than the numbers quoted for this exercise. A councillor is there to look after all residents in the area even if they havnt registered to vote. I would ask the boundary commissioner to delve deeper into the electorate numbers for North Ormesby, how many houses in the area do not have residents registered to vote.

North Ormesby in some parts are unrecognisable from when I was growing up but the long time residents are a great community, I have lots of memories.

The ward should remain a one cllr ward and not diluted down by adding brambles farm to the ward. Focus needs to be from one cllr, 100%, that's the only way to keep the community together. Sharing the electorate so that cllrs have approx the same number of electorate to manage is wrong when some wards have more complex problems, the workload could be ten times higher in deprived wards such as North Ormesby and that's why north ormesby should be covered by one cllr who knows the ward. Basically adding brambles farm just adds more work, why would a

resident of north ormesby apply to be a cllr when they would be expected to assist an area they know nothing about.

I question the electorate numbers for North Ormesby, the numbers of electorate versus residents must be wrong. I would also ask that one cllr remain to look after the residents of North Ormesby. If this is a no then the commissioner should consider adding The Boyd's estate to the ward which you advise has a good electoral equality. The surrounding wards can be adjusted and should be, please question the council on house building on brown field sites in those wards as social housing will be built there as it's a requirement of the new labour government.

I think the way the government boundary commission works out electoral equality needs to change as sharing out the electorate by cllr simply doesn't work any longer and is outdated. There needs to be a fourth criteria which considers deprivation in the ward. It would be far better for a cllr to have less residents in those wards and be able to make a difference rather than give them extra areas and overstretch them to the point they can't manage the casework. North ormesby is a ward that requires 100% attention from one cllr regardless of electorate numbers.

Thank you for your support.

Attached Documents:

None attached