

I was a Councillor who took part in the working group that made it's proposal to the meeting of full council that passed a majority decision to recommend its proposal.

I wish it to be considered that this submission was weak and flawed and doesn't meet the criteria, especially around community.

At all times in the debates, and more so at full council, there was little to discussions around communities, largely this was regarded as just a numbers game.

As the debate focused exclusively on the notion of balancing figures, random ideas were debated, it became clear that only three member wards were being contemplated.

The exclusive focus on three member wards drove a bizarre debate driven solely by the notion of 'deleting' a ward rather than building better community representation.

The consequence was that the exercise was about finding best fit for redistribution of electors and nothing more.

The final recommendation for removal of the Freshney Ward was met with much scepticism, followed by limited if any debate as to the community angle for this change.

It became apparent that the motivation for this decision was about undermining political opponents by gerrymandering rather than community consideration.

Further to this, an unlikely amendment that was initially rejected by the working group was approved by full council, namely that the HE3 Ward and HE1 wards should be swapped as a preferred expansion of East Marsh.

Although Council approved this, it should be noted that an old map of the area was submitted to council, which not only didn't actually contain any of the street mentioned on HE1 because it was preconstruction, but the map implied that these were previous ward boundaries, however they were actually aristocratic land ownership areas from 1911.

I submit that the council submission was at best flawed and failed to meet the criteria of the boundary commission and expectations of the public.

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Please see my attached statement as to why the NELC submission was flawed

Attached Documents

- nelc-council-submission-failure.docx

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Heneage

I have represented in Heneage since 2011 and am a resident too.

As a resident of Heneage I do think that some slight changes are needed. There are four main areas OLD Clee, Weelsby, Hainton and Heneage. There is a major road (Peaks Parkway) on one side, Cleethorpes on the other side, farmland to the south and East Marsh ward to the north.

Hainton and Heneage have been and are still linked, residents of both parts use shops and amenities in either direction. Welholme primary school serves both communities as does St Christophers church, The Hainton club a popular social club also serves both communities. Hainton Avenue and Heneage road run north to south and are a common link. Terraced houses dominate but there are significant pockets of both semi detached and detached properties. It is my recommendation that these two parts of Heneage remain together to enable community cohesion to be maintained and further developed.

Weelsby area of Heneage (HE6 and HE7) is where I live, it consists of three small but very different areas, The Weelsby estate, the estate built around Goldgarth and the estate south of Weelsby road. All three areas are bound by common community facilities, including Weelsby woods, the premier park in Grimsby, the bus service, Franks the local paper shop, Lidl's supermarket, Old Clee primary school and Havelock school. The local pub is the Honest Lawyer which lies on Ladysmith road. This pub also serves the south side of East Marsh.

Old Clee church serves this community as well as the Old Clee area. Housing mainly consists of semi and detached properties although there are some town houses. Until recently Welholme works (community group) was based here which linked both Hainton and Heneage to Weelsby. There is a walkway from David Street to Ladysmith road. This enables residents of the Hainton area to access the buses, the doctors surgery, chemist and Lidl's supermarket, this is well used.

To the east of this area are sports facilities and grass lands, a lot of dog walkers from the Weelsby area use these green spaces as do residents of Old Clee area thus making a community of dogwalkers from both areas.

Old Clee is dominated by Old Clee church which is one of the oldest churches in North East Lincs and serves the community well. There are two schools as previously mentioned, they both attract pupils from the neighbouring East Marsh. Old Clee school attracts pupils from south of Durban road and this area has commonality with the broader Heneage ward than it does with East Marsh. I would recommend that the area south of Durban road be transferred into Heneage. This would help bond a community, help with representations, Also East Marsh has a negative reputation across the borough, this reflects in house prices, however this area is not really East Marsh. East Marsh is north of Durban Road and north of Park Street, by moving part of East Marsh into Heneage it would in time help with house prices and equity of voting.