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Comment text:

Boundary Review

Although removing a small hamlet of approx. 45 houses/farms from our parish for electoral reasons is preferable to the original suggested split of Donisthorpe – it is still not appropriate.

As said previously we have worked hard as a parish to get the three villages working as a community, and just because Acresford is on the edge of this it does not seem appropriate to tack them on to another area in this case Appleby.

Surely 45 houses can remain the same .

Make sure that, within an authority, each councillor represents a similar number of electors – Ok -but under your suggestion we end up with two District Councillors who would need to attend two parish meetings.

Create boundaries that are appropriate, and reflect community ties and identities - How is this considered? Removing one village off one parish & its connections locally to another that is further away in distance. You would be better to remove Moira Ward off Ashby Woulds or move the whole Parish of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford to join Appleby.

Deliver reviews informed by local needs, views, and circumstances – again not considered

Reflect the request for single-member wards – keep the member wards within parishes. The proposal does not reflect community ties – in fact exact opposite , removes a key part of our parish ‘ The Gateway’ to another area.

Acresford get a rough deal being small and on the border with Derbyshire – they have a slot of speed/traffic accidents here where the data is shared across two counties not amalgamated into one. There is mining heritage here, key ongoing projects as part of the parish it is in the Heart

of the National Forest.

To repeat it is very wrong to cream off Acresford from the parish 'just for numbers.' These are people part of a community. The community/ parish should be together with one representative for the whole parish. That a representative could have other parishes, but no village should be calved off one parish and added to another for whatever reason– community cohesion is at the heart of these comments.

Attached Documents:

None attached