

North East Lincolnshire

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Comment text:

Related subject: Freshney Ward

The Conservative and other political party councillors have suggested that the ward in which I and my wife have lived for almost fifty years should be changed to reduce the number of wards in Grimsby. Over the years we in Freshney ward have voted for Independent councillors to represent us, I think because we were not satisfied with the political party nominees who have represented us in the past. What we do have is a community that looks after each other and shares resources such as good schools on Wybers, the Willows and Great Coates. The Willows and Great Coates have good community centres which serve the ward well and have the support of the PCSO's to help the wards residents. In other words the ward as it is works well. A lot of the cohesion is a product of the local councillors who are independent of the political parties who are not afraid to ask robust questions at council meetings about topics that affect the residents without fear of a party backlash. Changing the ward would change the representation of the residents by people who do not reside in the ward and do not understand the needs of the residents' concerns. It appears that the councillors recommendations for the reorganisation are to lessen the Independent councillors influence. It is no coincidence that the majority of the councillors affected are independent of political parties. I would ask you to carefully look at the reasoning behind the recommendations which have been put forward by the council which appear to have no basis other than making up the number of persons in the wards. I would ask you to ask for more in depth and diverse reasoning for the recommendations put forward. The breakup of this ward will allow a council with the help of other allied parties to ride roughshod over any independent opposition and will lead to a council that is not accountable to a large portion of its residents.

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Attached Documents:

None attached