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Related subject: Park Ward and North East Lincs as a whole

I live in Park Ward and although unwieldy in size and format the ward acts as a cohesive unit. It has natural boundaries eg Peaks Parkway and an identity. It has within it 2 schools and 3 parks which educate and nurture its residents (and those of the wider area). Until recently it had a community group (Park Ward Together) which provided activities for Park Ward residents and which could be resurrected with support. Its 3 councillors have been largely helpful and available. Polling stations are in good locations reachable to the vast majority. There is a Forum online, which some find useful, although I have heard that the moderator is selective in allowing content on a political basis, but nevertheless some find the content helpful and there are various WhatsApp group that create feelings of neighbourly togetherness. So why change it? Figures suggest they are roughly the optimum number. People like to belong to a unit and splitting up the ward would mean some people feeling outsiders in their own geographical areas. Similarly there are wards in Grimsby and Cleethorpes that thrive in their units and have access to schools, shops and community groups. I understand that with building projects and projected population numbers there may be a case for slight tweaks and the distribution of the number of councillors per ward may vary. Apart from that please leave the wards as they are. Identity is important to the majority of people and taking away that identity is unsettling and may turn some away from their democratic rights in both local and general elections and with the present climate we want to bolster that, not destroy it.

Attached Documents:

None attached