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I propose the following suggestion going forward for NELC elections onwards of 2026, rather than the awful proposal put forward by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat partnership running the administration. This works on the understanding that the electorate variance of wards can be between 7833 and 9573 and the forecast electorates for 2030 I have seen along with some estimates where I have moved small streets or areas.

Croft Baker - no changes (8,788)

I would recommend a name change from Croft Baker to “Cleethorpes Central & Beacon Hill” - the 3 polling districts west of Trinity Road (CB2, CB6, CB7) comprise of the area known as Beacon Hill, mostly a council estate built in the 1950s consisting of the areas around Sandringham Road, Davenport Drive, Windsor Road, Thornton Crescent and many surrounding streets, but with some private housing around Penshurst Road, Brian Avenue and Braemar Road. The secondary school of Beacon Academy is in this area. There are the Beacon Hill allotments around the back of Montgomery Road and the Observatory. The Central part is more accurate because the east of the ward contains the town’s market place, main shopping areas/amenities, one side of the High Street and all of the central promenade area. I feel that Croft Baker is an outdated name now because the maternity home on Mill Road it was named after many decades ago has been closed for over 30 years. The new name reflects the area better.

East Marsh - parts removed/parts added (approx 9,500)

I note that if one were to take all of the current ward (7,060) plus WM1 and WM2 (3,280), this would end up a bit too big at 10,340. The only logical way to fix this could be to remove the southern portion of EM6 to Heneage ward. The Commission should not attempt move any electors from the current East Marsh ward into Sidney Sussex under any circumstances.

I suggest it be a good thing to unite all of Heneage Road, Hainton Avenue and Willingham Street in Heneage ward, as well as all of Pasture Street east of the railway line into that ward and all of Convamore Road except for the eight flats which are in polling district EM2 unless for tidiness sake was to put them in. This would also move Churchill Way and Bradley Street out to Heneage ward. I figured that Wellington Street heading from Asda across to Convamore Road should be the new northern boundary. I estimated this to take out about 500 electors in this area.

I note this still ends up requiring another 250 electors roughly to be moved out. To make that work, I suggest tidying up the boundary around the Columbia Road by moving the remaining even numbered houses to Heneage along with Hardy's Court and the parts of Humberstone Road and Weelsby Street south of Columbia Road out of EM1 and into Heneage. That should make the numbers fit at high tolerance. Given the merger of much of West Marsh into this, I believe "Town and Marshes" would be a better name. It contains the town centre, after all. "Grimsby Central" would not be ideal, as this ward proposal still stretches to the east as far as the boundary with Cleethorpes.

Freshney - large area moved in (9,311)

This keeps the full existing ward intact (7,236) with the addition of WM3 (736) and WM4 (1,339) from West Marsh. That total adds in 2,075 to make 9,311. I am not completely happy with dividing the area around Macaulay Street and Haycroft Street between wards but if this can be tidied around specific streets to fit - give or take etc - it might be better. As it stands, this is bearable given the constraints. The name can stay the same as the River Freshney flows along south of New Haven Terrace/north of Sanderson House flats on Salamander Close as the current polling district boundary between WM3 and WM4.

There has been talk of splitting the existing Freshney ward by some and I think that needs shooting down. The reasons for this are absolutely nothing to do with who this area has elected and I hope those accusations are shut down by the Commission as I am sure the website has been bombarded by responses. The area should be kept together because of the shared connections such as schools, local bus route and things like that, rather than just because people think that the Conservatives are trying to do it solely to get rid of a few NIMBY Independent councillors, even though I actually agree with those councillors on the simple point that cutting this ward up is ridiculous.

Haverstoe - no changes (8,004).

No strong feelings about this ward actually, as it does not require any changes. Especially when one considers that all three wards in the town of Cleethorpes are actually within the variance figures and don't have any awkward bits that need moving from one to another so no change needs doing here beyond maybe the names. Haverstoe refers to the park in the north-east of the ward between Taylor's Avenue and Aldrich Road in

HA3. There is also a small street called Haverstoe Place in HA1 in an area known as Middlethorpe.

If there is to be the change of name I mentioned in Croft Baker which I believe to be essential, then Cleethorpes South may be a more neutral name for this ward and therefore for uniformity across the Cleethorpes wards to name Sidney Sussex as Cleethorpes North.

Heneage - some added areas (approx 9,400)

The current Heneage ward of 8,663 electors can be retained whole much like Freshney, but also like that ward some areas have to come in due to my suggested merger of the Marsh wards as that required bits of East Marsh to be trimmed off to fit the numbers. The areas from EM1 and EM6 I suggested placing in this ward unite the entireties of several streets currently split between Heneage and East Marsh in the Hainton Square area of Grimsby. These are Willingham Street, Hainton Avenue, Heneage Road and almost all of Convamore Road.

My estimated electorate for the area of EM6 south of Wellington Street came to 500. The area around Columbia Road and Hardy's Court from EM1 was about 250. The figure I then have for the new Heneage ward is around 9,400. I believe the figures for the 2030 estimates include expected electors on the new developments going up in HE7 south of Villa Court and HE4 south of Ropery Street, so I'm content with this being a bit on the large side.

Humberston & New Waltham - large area removed (now approx 8,000)

This ward has become very bloated (10,949) since lots of new development got permitted particularly in HU3 and HU5/HU6. A more ideal work would be to have two 2-member wards drawn along the two parish boundaries. That would be the best preference as I can imagine splitting New Waltham (the only viable option in my view to avoid disruption in Cleethorpes which can be kept tidy). As it stands, if it MUST be a 3 member ward, then my suggestion is change this name to "New Waltham East & Humberston" by keeping all of Humberston Parish and the HU4 polling district. That brings it down to by 3,301 to 7,648.

Ultimately I am aware that I've made it a touch too small, so I suggest keeping the eastern portion of HU6 (which was in the HU4 poll district before a polling district review in 2019) should stay with this ward. This area I refer to consists of Station Avenue, Enfield Avenue, Brunton Way, Priors Close, Waddingham Place, Strathmore Court and Fearn Close as well as properties on Station Road 275 and 300 and upwards on respective sides of that road. The western boundary would be the footpath that makes the boundary between HU4 and HU5 at present. A further footpath runs to the back of properties on the even side of Station Avenue which was that old polling district boundary I referred to earlier.

This would keep add approximately 370 electors to the 7,648 total. Assume it's around the 8,000 mark and it's above lowest tolerance. It keeps the ward at the low end so that further new developments don't cause the electorate to be too big again too soon, as there are still houses going up on developments south of Humberston Avenue (HU3) and a new development called Strawberry Fields north of Hewitt's Avenue (HU4). I feel

like the latter may not have been accounted for in the 2030 forecasts.

Immingham - part removed (7,850)

The reasons for this are so to make Wolds ward fit logically, but also Stallingborough has more connection with Healing in the north of that ward too. Immingham is also experiencing new developments in the IM3 area which could make this ward too big soon. While I can see that Stallingborough could be retained here, the problem you then have is Wolds ward becomes too small if that happens. Stallingborough therefore must be moved. I don't know if there'll be much mood to change it to "Immingham & Habrough", but people in the latter village might like that.

Park - minimal changes (approx 8,550)

The current ward's electorate is 8,713. All fine and all good, yes, but there are two streets in this ward which can only be accessed on foot or by car through driving into South ward first. These are Cordeaux Drive and Gervase Holles Way. I think this consists of about 160 electors. I feel that a ward of approximately 8,550 is about right. Some of the housing on Gervase Holles Way is socially rented and when they are listed by the landlord they are categorised as Nunsthorpe - which is all in South ward besides these two streets.

Scartho - minimal changes (8,977)

I am conscious this ward continues to be growing in the SC1 area known as Scartho Top and the northern parts of SC3 in recent years, as well as the eastern portion of SC5 around Helvellyn Way. I actually find myself rather astonished that the current ward still falls within the variance.

Either way, I feel a small street called Boundary Farm Court should be moved from Waltham ward to this one. It has 10 houses and probably about 20-25 electors at most. For all intents and purposes it is part of the Scartho built-up area and the houses will have been marketed as being in Scartho without the developers knowing they'd crossed a ward boundary.

Sidney Sussex - no changes (8,001)

I can see no reason this ward needs to have any alterations to it similar to my Croft Baker and Haverstoe suggestions. If you go ahead with changing the name of Haverstoe to Cleethorpes South, then this can be Cleethorpes North naturally.

South - minimal changes (approx 9,010)

The increase of expected electors in SO5 must refer to the former Western School site between Cambridge Road and Sherwood Road where development is earmarked. I've already mentioned in my changes to Park ward about moving Gervase Holles Way and Cordeaux Drive to this

ward, so will not unnecessarily repeat my reasoning.

I don't think any other changes are necessitated, other than maybe tidying the boundary up against Yarborough? This would place Kingston Gardens and the Anglian Water buildings into this ward. It would only move a small number of properties known as the Waterworks Cottages into this ward and involves no more than 15 electors I would guess. I have no strong feeling either way but it makes it look neater on a map as the boundary being west of 250 Littlefield Lane seems a bit odd.

The name is also not great as this ward is not the southern most ward of Grimsby or even North East Lincolnshire. I suggest "Nunsthorpe, Grange and Bradley Park". Around 80% of the electorate in the ward live in the areas named in that.

Nunsthorpe consists of all of the current SO3 and SO4 besides outlying parts of Scartho Road and Laceby Road plus the bulk of SO2 (Stainton Drive and everything east of it) and the Winchester Avenue end of SO1. Bradley Park consists of the rest of SO2. The Grange is generally all of SO6 plus SO5 east of Malcolm Road.

Waltham - large area added (8,750)

The current ward's forecast is 6,280. This is the only ward which those parts of New Waltham Parish that I proposed separating from the existing Humberston & New Waltham ward can realistically go into as if one were to go north you find that the Scartho ward is large, while working south you hit the boundary with East Lindsey. A name change could be to something along the lines of "New Waltham West and Waltham Village". Waltham has a strong well-kept village community identity, but one that is much larger than the small villages in Wolds ward - some of which have less than 50 properties in them compared to plenty of streets in Waltham which have far more than 50 homes on them.

The parts of New Waltham Parish that I suggest moving in to this ward are all of HU5 (1,993) and most of HU6 as far as the footpath that runs between the rears of properties on Station Avenue and Station Mews in the other ward (approx 930 electors). That brings a number to approximately 9,200 which is quite high I feel. Because I am conscious of new developments in HU6 directly south of Tollbar Academy and to make sure Wolds is not too small, I want to suggest removing Brigsley and Ashby cum Fenby as independent rural villages in their own right to be part of Wolds. This removes 465 electors to approximately 8,750.

Wolds - multiple areas added (8,461)

As a two member ward currently, this ward does need to expand of course. I have suggested taking outlying villages of Brigsley and Ashby cum Fenby from Waltham. That adds 465 electors. These villages were in the old Wold Parishes ward which existed for elections in 1995 and 1999 as well as for Humberside County Council elections from 1981 to 1993, and this was before considerable new developments in Healing mainly but also parts of Laceby. I also propose adding Stallingborough which adds 1,081. By adding those parishes into this ward to 6,915, I believe it should

give a total of 8,461. This whole ward has a more rural character and unites all of the rural character villages into one ward and making the redrawn successor to Waltham ward a somewhat more urban and compact one. Returning the name to “Wold Parishes” from prior to 2003, perhaps, might be a good thing too. I note there are similarly names wards called Northern Parishes and Western Parishes in Stockton on Tees, which the commission have kept in their recent review of that council.

Yarborough - minimal/no changes (8,583 or approx 8,570)

Nothing really needs doing here, but my suggestion of tidying the boundary against South ward could be looked at I think, involving the transfer of the Waterworks Cottages to South along with the land around Kingston Gardens and the Anglian Water buildings. It isn't totally a necessity but it would be tidier as I have already stated in my suggestions for that ward.

“Yarborough and Laceby Acres” might be a more suitable name. It makes to ensure those in the southern polling districts (4 to 6) feel included.

If the Commission looks at my proposals and is unsure about any areas I have referred to, I am happy to provide answers to queries from a local perspective.

Attached Documents:

None attached