

North East Lincolnshire

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Related subject: North East Lincolnshire Electoral Review boundary changes

I do not support the official proposal put forward by NELC to the boundary commission to remove the Freshney ward & feel this is gerrymandering (3 Independent councillors for ward) and the 2nd option being Yarborough Ward (2 Indie councillors). I'm aware my councillors didn't support this. The Council leadership have failed to consult with the local population and community groups on their proposals and it has been left to the Independents to raise awareness locally. It appears the council leadership are trying to break up a ward that has clear strong connections to their councillors and community. There are lots of shared facilities used by the public, the pub, shopping centre and the only post office in the area is on Willows & is used by Wybers and Great Coates residents too, equally the facilities on the Wybers are used by Great Coates and Willows residents including the new Spa facilities, pet shop, fast food outlets etc. especially as Great Coates has no facilities of its own but does have a community hall used by all 3 areas for meetings, events etc. and a train station. The Freshney ward is the only ward designated as an urban ward. Contrary to what some councillors state, it has a unique boundary being framed by the Freshney River, the Humber Estuary and green fields. Children from all 3 areas attend schools in either of the 3 areas of the ward. Great Coates has a fabulous nursery, willows and great Coates schools are both located on the Willows, Wybers has an excellent school which all 3 areas children attend. Children attend Whitgift senior school from all 3 areas. I know this from personal experience. It is a cohesive community with families socially with others from all 3 areas. Additionally St Nicholas church is used by all 3 areas of the ward. It also seems ridiculous to reduce the number of wards when the new Government are insisting on additional house builds in the area. Why increase councillor's workloads further which would negatively impact their effectiveness. I am disgusted with the NELC leadership and their constant disregard for their constituents wishes and pushing through proposals residents are against. I don't believe the proposal to abolish the Freshney ward meets the criteria set out by the boundary commission and strongly oppose it.

Attached Documents:

None attached