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Dear sir/madam

### **Further draft recommendations for the new electoral arrangements in the East of Rushcliffe Council**

Thank you for sharing the report dated March 2022. I would like to comment on the proposals concerning North-East Rushcliffe and, in particular, the proposed Wards of Bingham North and Bingham South; paragraphs 12 to 15 of the report.

Bingham Wards are currently split East and West, largely along the axis of Tithby Rd. The town of Bingham is growing and it is important that it is recognised as one community - not two, split by a railway line. The proposed demarcation line between Bingham North and Bingham South, whilst not precisely that of the railway, results in the same practical effect.

The reality of the physical barrier cannot be helped but that feeling of two different and separate Bingham is amplified by expanding Bingham North to encompass the villages of Car Colston, Scarrington and Screveton. This creates a community with an identity distinct from Bingham South. The south would be dominated by the existing Town where the majority of voters currently live, whilst the North would be of a more rural character. It is also unclear whether the parishes of Car Colston, Scarrington and Screveton might themselves feel that they are swamped by the large community being built in Bingham North, with the effect that they too feel that character of their Ward is fundamentally changed. The current proposal could result in a change which satisfies the needs of no one.

Whilst I understand the reticence about splitting the ward along the Chapel Lane Axis, I think that the alternative of separating the town into two very distinct communities; the one a town, and the other semi-rural will hamper the development of a single cohesive Bingham whole.

For these reasons I believe that the existing East/West split of the Town along Tithby Rd and extended through Chapel Lane is the better option. As the population in Bingham grows it will better represent the larger town. Furthermore, I believe that this will also better suit the needs of the villages and parishes outside of Bingham who can retain their village character within more rural Wards that better represent their own needs and common interests.

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