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Hilton Parish Council submission re: the proposed boundary changes Following the original draft proposals, we did not make a submission as we were happy to accept the proposals as they were at the time. However, following your draft two amendments, we would like to strongly object to the new boundary proposals. We do not think that the developments to the south of Green Lane, Kirklevington should be included in the Southern Parishes Ward, or that Little Maltby Farm (Ingleby Manor, as it is known locally) should be excluded to accommodate this. Our reasoning is: -

Kirklevington/Green Lane The developments to the south of Green Lane, although they may be technically & geographically within the Kirklevington Parish boundary, they are, in effect, an extension to the southern boundary of Yarm. The residents of these addresses use Yarm as their postal address and not Kirklevington. The location and proximity are attached to Yarm, being within a short walking distance of the Yarm Boundary. The closest of these new building developments (Britannia Avenue) is 2.4 miles from Forrest Lane Kirklevington by road via Green Lane (A1044) & Thirsk Road (A67). These residents feel they are part of the Yarm community. The properties were sold as being in Yarm and they identify as such. They use the nearby facilities of Yarm not Kirklevington i.e., schools, shops, pubs etc, they also have a natural divide from Kirklevington (as the crow flies) in the form of Saltergill Beck. They are also next to a railway station which is called "Yarm Station". Therefore, they identify with this. In addition, by moving these properties back into Yarm, it will give a better balance to the projected Electors per Councillor. Maltby/Little Maltby Farm Conversely, with Little Maltby Farm you can argue, with justification, that it should be included with Maltby Village and therefore the Southern Parishes Ward. Although it backs on to Ingleby Barwick, it has a natural divide in the form of Bassleton Beck. It also has its own dedicated access and egress via Low Lane. Therefore, it has no direct access to Ingleby Barwick and is just as accessible to Maltby via Low Lane and High Lane. The travel distance is only 1 mile from Welwyn Road, Little Maltby Farm to Pennyman Green in Maltby Village. In addition, it is only 1.6 miles from Manor Drive in Hilton and is therefore part of the immediate local area community. The community, we believe, identify themselves as being Ingleby Manor and, although not designated as such, they are almost a separate village community. They identify themselves as being part of the Maltby Parish, as they are located next to the well-known Maltby Cricket club. Unlike the south of Green Lane, they do share the amenities with the local communities that would be used by or be part of The Southern Parishes Ward such as schools (one of which is on Ingleby Manor), shops - the local Co-op (which is directly opposite Ingleby Manor) is used by all three of the communities - plus they will share the same local pubs etc. Conclusion In conclusion, we do not believe that it is sensible to include the south side of Green Lane with Kirklevington and therefore The Southern Parishes Ward, due to its location, identity and proximity links to Yarm. We believe, instead, that Little Maltby Farm should be included in the Southern Parishes Ward, as it was originally. This is more appropriate due to its proximity, community and identity links. We also believe that the Ward should be renamed "Southern Villages Ward" as this more reflects what it will be. The reason being whichever option is eventually chosen it will not include either the full parish of Kirklevington or Maltby but will include the whole of the villages of Kirklevington, Hilton & Maltby.

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