

Rushcliffe Borough Council

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Comment text:

I write as a long-standing Councillor for Musters Ward and recognising the criteria the Commission has laid down. Musters Ward is bounded by Melton Road (A606) [minus a section in Edwalton Ward] and Loughborough Road (A60), to the north, half of South Road and to the south by the slope of Sharpill and Boundary Road [minus its easterly end which is in Edwalton Ward]. Musters Ward voter size is below the band the Commission is looking for. Surrounding issues. Such is the growth in Rushcliffe build requirements and residents that I am disappointed that the Commission has not accepted the Council's view for a modest increase of 2 Councillors. I appreciate that given the growth at East Leake and East Bridgford there are wider considerations. I fail to understand the Council's estimate of growth in Gotham given that builds are not progressing as much as elsewhere and have asked the Chief Executive to check this information. In West Bridgford, no doubt infill dwellings - 331 since April 2015, may alter some calculations as might the dwelling/flats planned along Wilford Lane. Considerably more dwellings are built and occupied and being built in the area known as 'East and West of Melton Road'. All the land is already built (750 dwellings March 2012) or subject to planning applications which in total are around 1700. The access routes for these developments are onto both sides of Melton Road. This area falls within the boundaries of Edwalton Ward and better connects with the main part of Edwalton Village and Ward. Hence the predicted voter numbers are much higher for Edwalton. Connectivity. One suggestion is to the move the eastern end of Boundary Road including Sutherland Drive, Hollycroft, Rydal Gardens and Robina Court from Edwalton Ward into Musters Ward. This is practical with boundaries, neater and more understandable. Another area of community connectivity is where the Melton Road shops are supported by residents on foot. Musters Ward contains such residents to the west of the shops. One suggestion is to include some roads to the east, such as Portland, Clumber, Manvers, Carnarvon and Tavistock. If this were to be considered, Trent Bridge could be expanded and Abbey Ward could expand south taking from Edwalton such as Grange Park, Valley Road, and part of Alford Road as far as Spinney Close. The last area of connectivity is to include all of South Road and Chaworth Road and North Road in Musters Ward. These roads were in Musters Ward previously. Rod Jones Cllr Muster Ward

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