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To whom it may concern,

As elected Derbyshire Dales District Councillor for Matlock West, as well as County Councillor for the Matlock Division, I wish to object to your proposed boundary changes as they affect my Division, in relation to the neighbouring divisions of Derwent Valley and Wirksworth.

Firstly, you need to correct your assertion that the present Matlock Division 'is made up of Matlock East and Tansley Ward and half of Matlock West Ward'.

The truth is that my County Council division does indeed comprise the new Matlock East and Tansley, but in fact most of Matlock West Ward, but only since you transferred the Morledge Polling District from Darley Dale and Oker and Snitterton villages from South Darley Parish to what is re-named Matlock West. Therefore, there is surely a need and currently an opportunity to make the boundaries for each principle Council consistent, for ease of administration, as well as to remove residents' current confusion.

Since you are also proposing to split the current Cromford and Matlock Bath ward and allocate Matlock Bath to my Matlock Division, this will further confuse the public and introduce a village and polling district to Matlock for the first time.

Given your statistical analysis on Page of your report, which states that the Derwent Valley Division would have a predicted electorate of 10,640 in 2029, the largest in Derbyshire Dales. Therefore transferring the two areas named above from Darley Dale (Derwent Valley) to Matlock can

easily be accomplished. This would allow the Matlock Bath parish and polling district to remain in the Wirksworth division (proposed 9,966 electorate in 2029) thereby increasing its below par and % variance of -6.1 / -1.8, but to a level still within the +/-% variance.

As for Matlock, these proposed changes will more or less cancel each other out, thereby retaining the electorate at an acceptable level.

Finally therefore, I trust you will consider my representation and amend your draft proposals, in order to facilitate more credible boundaries for the Matlock Division.

Regards

Cllr Sue Burfoot
Member for the Matlock Division, Derbyshire County Council

Attached Documents:

None attached