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Related subject: Oker

Under the last changes to Ward boundaries Oker & Snitterton were stripped away from their local connections and placed in the Matlock West Ward. This destroyed all our local links to our parish and local amenities such as our village hall, primary school and a large range of society and groups. Oker & Snitterton have many links to the local communities of Darley Bridge and Wensley. Geographically there is population of less than 100 in Oker and Snitterton are separated from Matlock West (population around 5000) by a corridor of over a mile with virtually no population. This has turned Oker & Snitterton into a separate enclave and makes it almost impossible for the councillors of West Matlock to adequately serve the people of Oker and Snitterton.

The boundary commission should follow current well-established links for the parish and town boundaries. The ward changes were made in the final version and therefore left no ability for the local community to object against the decision. Despite the lack of consultation and almost all the residents of Oker & Snitterton appealing to the boundary commission, local MP and councillors, the boundary commission refused to even look at any of the appeals. As we supposedly live in a democracy this decision needs to be reversed to reestablish the long standing links between Oker, Snitterton, Darley Dale and Wensley.

Attached Documents:

None attached