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Related subject: BLUNSDEN AND HIGHWORTH WARD

I LIVE IN CASTLE EATON, A SMALL VILLAGE ROUGHLY 9 MILES NORTH OF SWINDON IN THE APPARENTLY INVISIBLE FAR NORTH WEST OF THE WARD ABOVE.

CASTLE EATON CONTAINS 94 HOUSEHOLDS AND ABOUT 240 RESIDENTS. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD DIRECTLY THAT AS THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 150 VOTES AVAILABLE FROM RESIDENTS, THE LIKELIHOOD OF ANYTHING BEING DONE IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR ACTIONS ON ROADS/TRAFFIC/SERVICES, FOR EXAMPLE, IS NEGLIGIBLE. (AN EXAMPLE IS A SWINDON HIGHWAYS OFFICIAL PROMISING A REPORT IN MARCH 2023 SUMMARISING WHAT TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS COULD BE MADE IN THE VILLAGE, FOR WHICH WE ARE STILL WAITING. WE LATER LEARNED, INDIRECTLY, THAT THE OFFICIAL HAD RESIGNED AND ALSO HIS/HER REPLACEMENT. MAKES ONE WONDER WHY WE BOTHER PAYING OUR COUNCIL TAX AND WHERE OUR MONEY IS BEING SPENT. (RECRUITMENT AGENCY FEES?)

NO-ONE I KNOW IN THE VILLAGE HAS MUCH TO SAY ABOUT SWINDON OTHER THAN THEY DON'T GO THERE AND THE VILLAGE SEEMS TO BE REGARDED AS SOME KIND OF CASH COW THAT HELPS FUND GRANDIOSE DEVELOPMENTS IN CENTRAL SWINDON WHICH PROVIDE ZERO BENEFITS TO CASTLE EATON RESIDENTS.

I VISIT SWINDON ONLY FOR OCCASSIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES. NOTHING ELSE THERE IS OF ANY INTEREST AS I USE CIRENCESTER AND LECHLADE FOR SERVICES, ENTERTAINMENT AND SHOPPING.

I REGARD IT AS A PITY THAT THIS BOUNDARY REVIEW DOES NOT PERMIT CASTLE EATON TO REMOVE ITSELF FROM SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL. IF WE COULD, I DOUBT THE WARD OR SWINDON WOULD NOTICE, APART FROM MAYBE A DIMINUTION IN ITS AVAILABLE CASH.

Attached Documents:

None attached