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Related subject: Proposed Huddersfield East Ward

I would like to enquire and disagree with the proposed boundary for Huddersfield East, having lived in the Almondbury ward for over 20 years to be suddenly told that I will no longer be part of this, is very distressing and I do not understand the logic or reasons provided - in your reasoning you state "We have therefore decided to base our draft recommendations on the Conservative Group's proposal for a new Huddersfield East ward. We consider this ward to contain similar communities east of Huddersfield and is forecast to have good electoral equality by 2029."

Can you please explain how you would consider some of the detached housing more affluent areas of Almondbury to be similar communities to the terrace housed trading estates of the Leeds Road area. In your published summary you state that a good ward should "Reflect community interests and identities and include evidence of community links.", if a proper survey of the proposed areas had taken place you would find that the interests and identities of the proposed areas were nothing alike and you will find that the needs and requirements are completely different. One example of this is transport requirements, parts of the areas to be included in the Huddersfield East ward have very little public transport whereas in comparison other areas have extremely well connected, how would the same councillors provide support for contrasting requirements?

In your proposal you include within the proposed Almondbury ward the areas of Colne Bridge which is located 5.1 miles from the centre of Almondbury village, but yet areas that are currently within the 1-mile radius of Almondbury village are no longer included - please explain!

The more logic boundary would be to run along Wakefield Road to include within the Almondbury ward the areas of Almondbury Bank,

Greenhead Road and the Tolson Museum.

Attached Documents:

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