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Related subject: Mirfield

Strongly disagree with moving parts of the existing Mirfield ward into Dewsbury West Ward.

Following the former railway line as is the current case better reflects the economy, historical and community ties in the area. This is also demonstrated by the fact residents in Spring Place Gardens wish to be part of the Mirfield ward not Dewsbury.

Changing the ward boundaries as proposed uncouples the council and town council wards and boundaries this creates complexity and confusion.

If it was deemed necessary to keep Dewsbury Country Park in one ward (however this seems irrelevant as it is a park with no dwellings and therefore possibility of electors) the former railway line could be followed to Smithies Lane and Pondarosa.

Likewise any future development in the area between Crossley Lane and the country park is likely to be accessed from the West ie Mirfield due to access constraints in the East. Again this supports retention within Mirfield ward.

The situation with the split estate at Spring Place Gardens is not unique and changing the boundaries results in the same issues elsewhere such at the south end of Crossley Lane where some properties remain in Mirfield but others are in the new Dewsbury ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached