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Dear Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Further to the draft recommendations report we would like to make the following recommendations.

In 2017 a group was set up called The North Walbottle Waggonway Group. They have achieved much in their short existence. They have protected green belt for future generations, brought forward the grazing of ponies. Thousands of trees have been planted. Information boards have been installed, seating areas created, miners' tubs have been commissioned, alongside maintaining the area.

The changes propose to cut off the land which has been improved by them. We would therefore suggest the area of land in question, alongside Fell House Farm, is retained in Chapel Ward which includes five properties.

To have the bridlepath not within the ward would be difficult as it is closest to Chapel residents. There is an interest from residents within the ward and it would cause more work for local community members.

We hope therefore that this can be taken on board.

On a further note, as a former Westerhope councillor from 2004 to 2018, I do not support Stamfordham Road in effect cutting through Westerhope Village, splitting the community in half.

From 2004 to 2018 the Ward was split between Woolsington Ward and Westerhope Ward. Most recently this was corrected in 2018 bringing both together. Westerhope Village is a community and a lot of the issues affect the area as a whole.

We do not believe that to go back to the divide is constructive or beneficial to local residents.

Regards

Marc

Attached Documents:

None attached