

North East Lincolnshire

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West marsh:-

I represent the West Marsh on North East Lincolnshire Council.

This is a ward of high deprivation, (Evidenced from the government), but has one of the most integrated communities in Northeast Lincolnshire and should be represented on the council by dedicated ward Councillors pushing for an end of health inequalities and funding to make West Marsh a better place to live work and play. The current ward boundaries are a natural boundary and should be considered to be maintained, although the current numbers of residents wouldn't allow a 3 member ward. Serious consideration should be given to leaving this as a two member ward.

West marsh contains more businesses than most wards, This community calls on the ward councillors for support in quite a variety of matters. Businesses included are top town shops and businesses, Victoria retail park, Alexandra retail park, west marsh industrial park, parts of pywipe industrial estate, Alexandra dock, union dock and the royal dock including Grimsby's famous land mark the Dock Tower. When considering size of wards this needs to be considered.

Currently there is a lot of regeneration in the west Marsh, including the youth zone, freshney place repurposing, proposals for a bus station, proposals for demolition of multi story car park and an integrated active travel plan just to name a few.

All this business and future proposals would be served best by having dedicated ward Councillors.

The community in the West marsh is as old as any community in North East Lincolnshire and older than most. People if asked where do you live? proudly say, "the West Marsh", rather than the street they live on, this indicates that there is a belonging and this transpires in the community groups within the ward.

West Marsh Community centre is a thriving centre putting on many events and activities, from bingo, to five aside football and everything in between, please lookup their facebook page for evidence of this. They also run a busy food bank attracting residents from across all of the ward and beyond in some cases.

St hughs community centre and the Mag hall also put on community events and meetings and has been doing so for decades, I remember attending discos there in the 70's!, These are situated on the western side of the ward close to Cromwell road. Haycroft avenue underpass which links to the shops on Cromwell road to the west marsh.

St hughs Church serves the west marsh and has recently welcomed the Nigerian community who worship there, there is a significant community of Nigerian origin in the west marsh, however the church services does attract others from across the borough. Especially from just across the railway line.

Grimsby in bloom(GIB) reside in West Marsh, and put on community events in the duke of York Gardens, Duke of York Gardens is a central in the West Marsh and locally known as the "Bully" and is pivotal to the community. GIB take on volunteers in their community Café with the long term goal of getting people ready to work. A repair Café is also based within GIB, where members of the public can bring along items for repair free of charge.

All these community groups work together to make West marsh a better place to live but also bind and strengthen community cohesion.

Housing in the West Marsh is mainly Terraced Housing there are exceptions such as the new builds on Macaulay Park and other less renowned places. This helps binds the community together with commonality. Consideration of the new ward should take housing in as a factor; this would help Councillors in their representations.

West Marsh contains three Primary Schools, Littlecoates, Macaulay and South Parade, Both Littlecoates and South Parade serve mostly pupils from the West Marsh. However, Macaulay Street School serves pupils from both West Marsh and the neighbouring Yarborough Ward.

Cromwell road, which lies just outside of West Marsh, has numerous shops these are commonly used by West Marsh residents as well as Yarborough Ward residents.

In conclusion a ward should be built around the West Marsh but the boundary Commission needs to be very careful around adding in numbers just to satisfy the electoral cycle as this might cause some negativity, be divisive and make representing the new ward around this area very difficult indeed. A two-member ward is a natural fit for West Marsh and in my opinion this should be the a priority for the Boundary commission keeping one of the oldest and most established communities intact.

Heneage

I have lived in Heneage since 1989.

As a resident of Heneage I do think that some slight changes are needed. There are four main areas OLD Clee, Weelsby, hainton and Heneage.

There is a major road(peaks parkway) on one side , Cleethorpes on the other side, farmland to the south and east Marsh ward to the north.

Hainton and Heneage have been and are still linked, residents of both parts use shops and amenities in either direction. Welholme primary school serves both communities as does St Christophers church, The Hainton club a popular social club also serves both communities. Hainton Avenue and Heneage road run north to south and are a common link. Terraced housed dominate but there are significant pockets of both semi detached and detached properties. It is my recommendation that these two parts of Heneage remain together to enable community cohesion to be maintained and further develop.

Weelsby area of Heneage (HE6 and HE7) is where I live, it consists of three small but very different areas, The weelsby estate, the estate built around Goldgarth and the estate south of weelsby road. All three areas are bound by common community facilities, including Weelsby woods, the premier park in Grimsby, the bus service, Franks the local paper shop, lidls supermarket, old clec primary school and havelock school. The local pub is the Honest Lawyer which lies on Ladysmith road. This pub also serves the south side of East Marsh.

Old clec church serve this community as well as the old clec area. Housing mainly consists of semi and detached properties although there are some town houses. Until recently Welholme works(communitiy group) was based here which linked both Hainton and Heneage to Weelsby. There is a walkway from david street to ladysmith road. This enables residents of the Hainton area to access the buses, the doctors surgery, chemist and Lidl's supermarket, this is well used.

To the east of this area are sports facilities and grass lands, a lot of dog walkers from the weelsby area use these green spaces as do residents of Old Clec area thus making a community of dogwalkers from both areas.

Old clec is dominated by Old clec church which is one of the oldest churches in North east Lincs and serves the community well. There are two schools as previously mentioned, they both attract pupils from the neighbouring east marsh. Old Clec school attracts pupils from south of Durban road and this area has commonality with the broader Heneage ward than it does with east Marsh. I would recommend that the area south of Durban road be transferred into Heneage. This would help bond a community, help with representations, Also East Marsh has a negative reputation across the borough, this reflects in house prices, however this area is not really east marsh. East marsh is north of Durban Road and north of park street, by moving part of east marsh into Heneage it would in time help with house prices and equity of voting.

EAST MARSH

East Marsh is where my Daughter lives(please note not in the area I recommend should be transferred)

East Marsh is an area of high deprivation, it currently has three Councillors, east Marsh has been hollowing out gradually for years as residents move away. This is due to high crime, high ASB and the street scene is very poor. If the east marsh is expanded to increase voter numbers then the larger area would also end up hollowing out. This is not a sustainable future, it would be far more sensible to shrink the ward to allow two Councillors to represent the area and concentrate their efforts. This approach has worked in the west marsh and should be tried in the East Marsh.

A Change of name might be appropriate too, although I'm not advocating this with any conviction perhaps "Grant Thorald ward". The area I would transfer out is south of Durban Road which would sit well in Heneage ward and ties to the more deprived areas could be loosened to the benefit of the residents.

it has a well establish community group in East Marsh united which is based in the heart of what locals know as east marsh which is Rutland street area. East Marsh Ward also contains Freeman street shopping area and part of the docks, locals do not consider these areas as East Marsh. Locals consider only part of the current ward as east Marsh, that is south of Victor Street and Connamore Road and north of Durban road and Park street. To get representation that fits the ward and can make a difference concentrating on the issues that affect most of the ward, I would recommend a two member ward and a smaller east marsh.

Freshney Ward

Freshney Ward is where I grew up and lived during my early adult years.

I used to live on the willows estate(18 years in total) and feel compelled to put in a submission as the Council is suggesting that this ward is split in two.


I lived in Calver crescent went to willows Primary school and whitgift senior school. When my brothers and I inevitably moved out, one of my siblings moved to Wybers wood estate, my parents then moved to a bungalow on Aylesby park. Basically staying in the same area, old school friends still live in the area moving from one estate to the other. Residents use the facilities of both estates including extensive green areas for dog walking.

Great coates is a village on the north side of the ward, whilst this still has the character of a village the amenities are located both on the willows and Wybers wood. St Nicholas church serves the freshney ward well, my nephew and niece were christened there and my sister in law had her funeral service there even though the lived on Wybers.

If Freshney ward needs to expand there are two areas that would have similarities Yarrow road area or nelson way area,both have similar housing and have green spaces in common. It must be noted however that there are massive plans to expand housing on the freshney valley. This would more than make up any shortfall and even make the numbers too many. The Commission should make sure it does its own research on this.

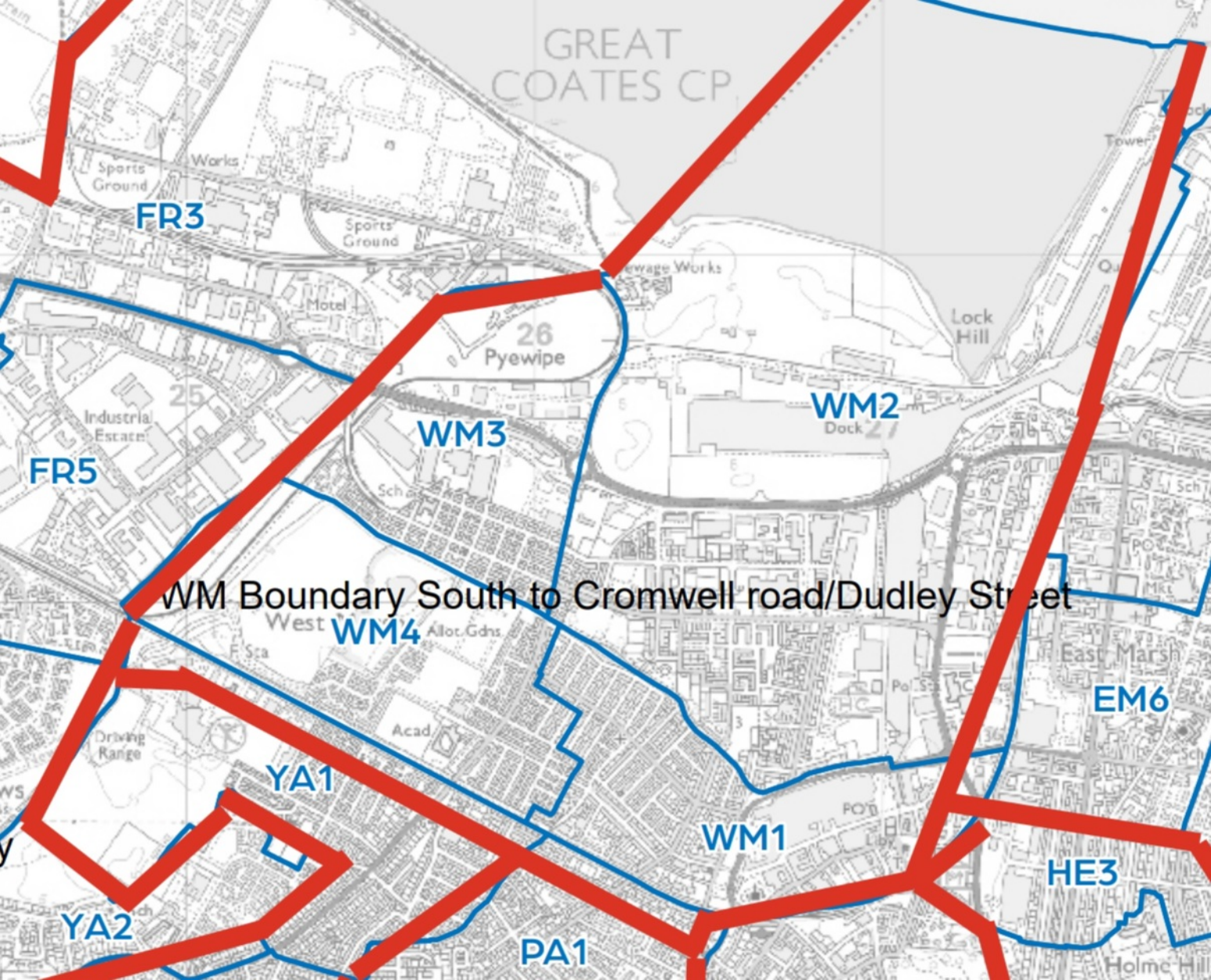
My recommendation for this area is that it should be kept together to form any new ward and that commission takes into account the local plan which identifies land to northwest as allocated for building new houses..

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WM Boundary South to Cromwell road/Dudley Street