

# East Riding of Yorkshire

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**Related subject:** Dale Ward

Dale Ward is a sensibly sized Ward containing strongly linked communities and should be preserved in its current arrangement.

Dale Ward comprises Elloughton-cum-Brough as the main town with South Cave, Ellerker, Brantingham, Rowley/Little Weighton, and Skidby as the surrounding parishes. These communities are intrinsically linked and the Ward as it stands is one of the few sensibly sized and manageable areas in the East Riding. Some Wards comprise only 1 Town Council whereas others are made up of almost 30 Parishes. This leads to a myopic approach from the former and an overwhelming of the Ward Councillors for the latter. The first recommendation I would make as a result of the above is that all Wards should (where possible) aim to include between 3-8 communities/parishes.

The 6 Parishes that make up Dale Ward all share similar issues, priorities, and concerns as well as catchment areas for the local secondary school and the GPs provision. As such these communities benefit from being contained within 1 Ward and their Councillors being enabled to act on their behalf in an informed manner with regard to the delivery of public services.

Neighbouring South Hunsley Ward to the east is comprised of 4 mid-sized villages, and so is consistent and it would be sensible to see it maintained as is. North and west of Dale Ward are isolated hamlets and small villages, and so those who represent Wolds Weighton and Howdenshire respectively contend with very different issues and requirements to those which concern Dale and South Hunsley Wards.

Added to the above is the fact that with 67 Councillors and 340,000 electors each Councillor should represent around 5,000 residents. With new

development which has already been approved Dale Ward will soon have 3 Councillors representing 15,000 people. Therefore the geography, issues which are contended with by Councillors, and population all lend themselves to the conclusion that Dale Ward should remain unchanged; and that this review must ensure that community cohesion is maintained because evidence and circumstances support no other result.

Lastly, it's worth noting that Dale Ward contains the two busiest roads in the East Riding (A63 and A164). This in turn means that local representatives are heavily involved in the current works occurring on the A164 and are well versed in all things highway related. This has allowed us to be able to contribute positively to discussions and designs as well as share information with residents from an informed position. To see the boundaries changed would be to weaken the understanding and capacity to ensure public engagement with significant infrastructure handling many tens of thousands of vehicle movements per day. It's also worth noting that these roads act as both a sensible starting point for determining which communities are more closely linked as well as form natural boundaries. They are also a key concern for many residents in the area and so it is incredibly beneficial to see Brough included in the same Ward as Skidby in particular as both communities are impacted by the neighbouring highways in very different fashions that create very similar issues.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*