

# North East Lincolnshire

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The review of boundaries in North East Lincolnshire need to focus on a number of key facets and issues:

- 1) Ensuring Cleethorpes and Great Grimsby communities stay separate in the boundries of Council Wards. Both towns have unique communities that are vastly different. Cleethorpes and villages being more rural and tourism focused in comparison to Grimsby which is more industrial and has higher levels of deprivation. It is essential that these communities have clear representation to speak up for the challanged these areas face.
- 2) The significant population decrease in the East Marsh Ward following the demotion of Freeman Street Flats.
- 4) The significant population increase in Humberston and New Waltham following a number of large scale developments.
- 5) The large developments that have taken place in Scartho Top.
- 6) Establishing where Old Clee fits in any future ward boundries. Historically considered 'The Lost Part of Cleethorpes' , it currently sits in Henage Ward in Grimsby.

Furthermore, I would urge The Boundary Comission to consider how it can strengthen democracy in the Council. Large 3 member ward are often prohibitive in the elderly, people with disabilities and people with no political party support to gain election. Moreover, if we are to have truly 'local democracy' we need to maximise accountability. This could be better served by having much smaller 1 member wards in the same way we elect 1 member of parliament.

As the former Croft Baker Councillor (2010-2018) I have witnessed and experienced one key issue on multi member wards. The problem is that there is a lack of accountability. This often leaves 1 or 2 of the Councillors to do the work and 1 or 2 who do little but take the credit of the one that

does the work. This results people getting elected who do not strictly deserve to. It promotes a culture of laziness, lacks accountability and lacks transparency.

Having considered the options I would recommend that Croft Baker is Split into 4 Separate 1 Member Wards:

Croft Baker North encompassing Old Clee, Bursar Primary School and much of Devanport Drive.

Croft Baker East encompassing the Central Promenade, St Peter's Avenue and Seaview Street.

Croft Baker South encompassing Taylor's Avenue, Trinity Road and Oxford Street Area.

Croft Baker West encompassing Beacon Academy and Sandringham Road.

I would also recommend that The East and West Marsh Wards are split into 4 wards between them in a similar vain. I would call these Mariners Wards (North, South, East and West) in recognition of the fisherman who dedicated their lives to the industry of the town. These two areas are where the Dockers and Fishing Captains used to live. Thus, the tribute would really reverberate with residents as it acknowledges their contributions to the area.

Immingham Ward should be Split into 3 1 member wards: Immingham, Stalingborough and Roxton (The Medieval Village or Roxton is located on the current Immingham Ward.

Humberston and New Waltham to be split into 3 1 Member Wards: Humberston, New Waltham and Becklands.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*