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Related subject: I live in Wolds Ward, but am mostly expressing an opinion on the areas currently called Yarborough Ward and Freshney Ward, as these are the closest two other Wards to mine.

I live in Wolds Ward, but know the Yarborough and Freshney Wards well. This is because I am a CofE priest attached to an ecclesiastical parish which covers part of both Yarborough and Freshney Wards.

I am totally opposed to the proposal put forward by NELC Full Council. They seem to want to eliminate Yarborough Ward. Before this, the Council toyed with eliminating Freshney Ward. I believe that their proposals are party politically motivated - I believe that they wish to remove the hard-working Independent Councillors.

They argue that the communities within the Yarborough Ward are separate and without common aims, but this is untrue. Their proposed revision would disenfranchise members of the historic guild called the Enrolled Freeman of Grimsby. Membership of this is both hereditary and based on where you live. If the proposal to move part of Yarborough or Freshney Ward into Wolds Ward, then a number of current Enrolled Freeman will be disenfranchised according to the residential rules as Freeman are not allowed to live in Wolds Ward. This is grossly unfair. The same boundary is also part of the boundary of the current ecclesiastical parishes, and is an ancient boundary. Moving residents from one side of this boundary to the other would therefore also affect the ecclesiastical parish and other factors which are based on this.

Attached Documents:

None attached