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I am very concerned about N E Lincs Council's proposal to abolish the Freshney Ward. The reason they have given for this is that Wybers Wood, Willows and Great Coates are three distinct areas that lack community. This is completely untrue. The three areas are geographically very close and there is most definitely a feeling of community. There is one secondary school serving the three areas and there is a primary school for each estate, but there are many children who attend a school in one of the other areas as they are within easy walking distance. (I worked at one of the schools for 22 years). 1st Wybers Wood Rainbows and Brownies meet on the Willow estate as there are no facilities on Wybers Wood for them to use. Children attend from all three of the primary schools, and further afield. My own children attended Great Coates Village nursery and made many friends across the Freshney Ward. I live on the Wybers Wood estate and use the shops and facilities on the Willows estate regularly. The proposal to merge the Willows estate with the West Marsh seems inappropriate in that they are geographically further apart, have few links that I am aware of and would actually leave a much larger ward of quite high deprivation. Likewise, Wybers Wood and Yarborough Wards are further apart, and again have no links.

I find it strange that the ward which the council wish to abolish is currently served by three very proactive and involved independent councillors, who work tirelessly for the Freshney community and call the Council Leaders to account.

Attached Documents:

None attached