

East Riding of Yorkshire

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I want to make comments mainly on the rural villages in 'Driffield and Rural' and the 'East Wolds and Coastal' Wards. Some of the villages in East Wolds have good historical and modern-day connections with the coastal villages, but with other parishes the connection is weaker. At the same time, this ward covers an exceptionally large geographical area, as does the Wolds Weighton Ward to the west; and there may be some sense in creating a third ward in between them. Instead of 2 wards each with 3 councillors, I suggest if this is possible that we have 3 wards with 2 councillors each.

Driffield and Rural is becoming too large for a 3-seat ward and might benefit from separating off the rural villages, keeping just Driffield itself as a standalone ward, with the possible addition of Kirkburn, which is Driffield-centred.

All of the towns and villages in the area in question fall under the Diocese of York. This is subdivided into Deaneries, which group together places with historical ties. The villages (civil parishes) Brandesburton, Beeford, North Frodingham and Foston link to Skipsea on the coast via the Holderness (N) deanery; while others (Nafferton, Hutton Cranswick, Watton, Skerne and Wansford, Langtoft, Thwing, Burton Agnes, Harpham and Kelk) fall within the Harthill Deanery, which is, and always has been entirely set apart from the coast. The rural villages in Driffield and Rural (Bainton, Cottam, Fimber, Garton, Sledmere, Tibthorpe) and three civil parishes currently in Wolds Weighton are also in the Harthill deanery; the three are Wetwang, Fridaythorpe and North Dalton.

I would therefore like to propose for your consideration, the creation of a new ward, named Harthill, taking in all of the rural villages within the Deanery of the same name, while excluding the more urban Driffield and Kirkburn. This would comprise the following civil parishes:

BAINTON
BURTON AGNES
COTTAM
FIMBER
FRIDAYTHORPE
GARTON
HARPHAM
HUTTON CRANSWICK
KELK
LANGTOFT
NAFFERTON
NORTH DALTON
SKERNE AND WANSFORD
SLEDMERE
THWING
TIBTHORPE
WATTON
WETWANG

As well as the Deanery connection, the catchment areas of local schools, where they span more than one civil parish, tend to show links among these villages, for example: Burton Agnes primary school, Garton primary school, Nafferton School, Warter primary school (catchments attached).

This ward would have a total of 7,670 electors in 2023 and 8,090 in 2029, justifying a single ward with 2 councillors. At the same time, Driffield with Kirkburn would contain 11,638 and 12,659 electors in the 2 years respectively, which I believe is the exact right number for 3 councillors.

Attached Documents:

- burton-agnes-primary-school-catchment-area.pdf
- garton-primary-school-catchment-area.pdf
- nafferton-school-catchment-area.pdf
- warter-primary-school-catchment-area.pdf
- harthill-within-diocese-of-york---2024.docx