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Please find attached collective comments from Sherburn in Elmet Town Council.

Attached Documents:

- appendix-i---north-yorkshire-boundary-review-final-submission.pdf
- appendix-ii---ny-boundary-submission---sietc.xlsx
- sherburn-in-elmet-town-council-boundary-commission-response.pdf

NORTH YORKSHIRE BOUNDARY REVIEW 2024

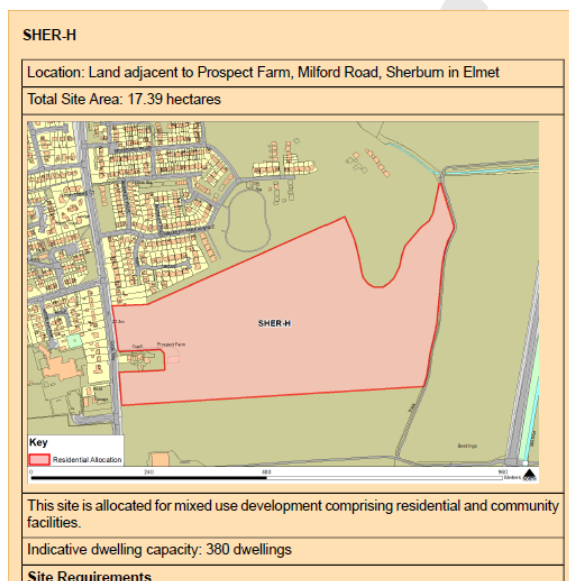
Submission to Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) by
Councillor Bob Packham

Introduction

1. I am the North Yorkshire Councillor for the Sherburn in Elmet Division of North Yorkshire Council, a division which includes the whole of the parish of Sherburn in Elmet, the Parish of Huddleston with Newthorpe, and a small part of the village of South Milford (the polling District of South Milford North).
2. The current division is the second largest in North Yorkshire with an electorate in 2023 of 6802, a variance of 26.81% in relation to the average for North Yorkshire divisions of 5364. This is largely the result of considerable housing development over the last 13 years. A recent officer report stated that:

Sherburn in Elmet has seen 1,121 dwellings built in the settlement since the start of the plan period in April 2011 and has a remaining 190 dwellings with approval, giving a total of 1,311 dwellings. This significantly exceeds the minimum target of 790 dwellings between 2011-2027 which is set out for Sherburn in Elmet by Policy SP5 (of the Selby Core Strategy Local Plan)

3. In addition, included within the Division are a large industrial estate, providing in the region of 10000 jobs, two railway stations, an airfield, and three schools. Planning permission for an additional 2.75 million square feet additional employment floorspace has been granted in the last few years, some of which has been completed but is not yet occupied, and a more recent consent will generate between 1468 and 3790 additional jobs. The submission draft of the Selby District Local Plan allocates a further site for about 380 dwellings south of the town, as shown on the extract below:



4. Excluding the potential development of the allocated site referred to above, projections suggest that the population of the division will, by 2030, include 7267 electors, considerably in excess of the 5813 average for North York divisions based on the Council's submission for 89 councillors from 2027.
5. The Parish of Sherburn in Elmet has historically remained in a single county division since 1974, albeit that division included, until recently, the village of South Milford, and prior to that, Monk Fryston. The proposal to redraw the boundaries of the divisions to include 89 single councillor divisions would make the continuation of Sherburn as a single councillor division as an exception in terms of the number of electors given the first legal requirement of the review which is:

to deliver electoral equality: where each councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the authority.

6. However, if the Commission maintains its position on councillor numbers and single member divisions it will fail the residents of Sherburn in Elmet in the other requirements to:

reflect the interests and identities of local communities and to provide for effective and convenient local government.

North Yorkshire Council's proposals for Sherburn in Elmet

7. As stated above, currently the division of Sherburn includes the whole of Sherburn parish, divided into two polling districts (Sherburn North and South), the parish of Huddleston and Newthorpe and the South Milford North polling district.
8. In order to ensure that Sherburn Division is closer to the 5813 average and adhering to the single member requirement, the Council propose that South Milford North is included in Monk Fryston and South Milford Division. However, that on its own will not reduce the electorate of the Sherburn Division adequately, since the combined electorate of Sherburn North and South Polling districts is already in well in excess of 6600 electors and is estimated at 7144 by 2030. The suggested solution from North Yorkshire's Executive is that 924 electors in Sherburn North division are placed in the Appleton Roebuck and Church Fenton Division, with the outcome that Sherburn will still have an electorate of 6284 by 2030, made up as follows:

SEJB - Sherburn - North 3033
SEJC - Sherburn - South 3187
SEJA - Huddleston with Newthorpe 63

9. This figure fails to take account of the 380-house allocation in the Emerging Local Plan, which is likely to be adopted in 2026. It is possible, however, that a planning permission for all or part of this allocation will be granted in advance of adoption which would significantly increase the electorate even in the reduced division proposed by North Yorkshire Council before 2030.

Implications of the proposals for residents of Sherburn in Elmet Parish

10. It is my view that to split the current division and Parish of Sherburn in Elmet as proposed by North Yorkshire Council is wholly at odds with two of the stated criteria set down in the statements of the Boundary Commission, specifically to:
- Create boundaries that are appropriate and reflect community ties and identities.
 - Deliver reviews informed by local needs, views and circumstances.
11. It is accepted that a requirement of such reviews is to ensure that each councillor represents a similar number of electors. In this case however, the division of the strong community of Sherburn in Elmet is purely because the Commission appears to have accepted the Council's representation for 89 councillors in single councillor divisions. There is no logical justification for either, particularly the insistence on single councillor wards which is an ideological view of the Council's majority Group and is not reflected across many local authorities in England, including those classed as mainly rural unitary councils.
12. In order to meet these criteria part of the current Town Council area will be placed in another, potentially mainly rural division and have a different North Yorkshire Councillor from the rest of Sherburn.
13. I have sought clarification of the area affected by this proposal. The Council has provided a map (See Appendix A) which identifies those area which will be excluded from the new Sherburn in Elmet division proposed by NYC. Those areas to be included in the Appleton Roebuck and Church Fenton Division are above the blue line on the plan. These include:
- A Bishop's Quarter: A development of 150 dwellings (potentially increasing to 187 as a result of an undetermined application) currently under construction.

- B Hodgson's Gate: A recent development of 279 dwellings.
- C Sherburn in Elmet Railway Station and the houses in that area and on Bishopdyke Road.
- D Moor Lane: Approximately 30 detached and semi-detached houses extending to the east along the north side of Moor Lane.

14. I am opposed to this for the following reasons.

15. As indicated, residents of part of the town would have a different North Yorkshire Councillor from the remainder of the town and would be in a large rural division that would also run across parliamentary constituency boundaries. The area would remain in Sherburn Parish, the area covered by Sherburn in Elmet Town Council and in the parliamentary constituency of Selby. That is a recipe for confusion.
16. Convention would dictate that the councillor for the new Sherburn division would be unable to act for those in the part of the town excluded from the Sherburn division and included in Appleton Roebuck and Church Fenton, even on issues that relate to Sherburn. Many issues that the divisional councillor deals with relate to impacts on the settlement as a whole and its electorate.
17. Some local facilities on which residents of Sherburn rely will be in the new rural division, for example, Sherburn in Elmet railway station. The importance of such facilities cannot be over emphasised. Sherburn is essentially a commuter settlement. Many residents commute to York from this station and the station also provides an important transport link for workers at the industrial estate. The station has been the subject of extensive lobbying for improvements involving a wide group of local bodies including the Town Council, M.P., residents and employers on the industrial estate, which I have as the current North Yorkshire Councillor helped to co-ordinate. This is a Sherburn issue, of considerable importance in the ambition to greatly improve the public transport for the Town but would be of little interest to the majority of the electorate of Appleton Roebuck and Church Fenton, and hence their councillor.
18. Planning applications on the edge of the town may also not be in Sherburn division. The interests of a councillor primarily representing a large rural area may not coincide with those of residents of Sherburn in relation to such applications.
19. Sherburn is a strong community, led by the Town Council and the Sherburn and Villages Community Trust. The Trust is the Community Anchor

Organisation for the area stretching from Sherburn south to include South Milford, Monk Fryston, Hillam and Fairburn. It supports organisations such as Sherburn Visiting Scheme, providing services for the older members of the community; Peter Pan, a nursery for special needs children; and other local voluntary organisations. Those living in the Town strongly identify as Sherburn residents, and the growth of the town has, if anything, strengthened that identity.

20. I do not want to see over 800 of our residents living outside Sherburn division, without representation by a Sherburn in Elmet councillor at North Yorkshire, which I believe will harm community ties and interests. Many of these residents have moved into Sherburn recently (or will do so in the Bishop's Quarter) specifically to become part of the local community and will find themselves excluded from full participation in the democratic process locally, being unable to elect the North Yorkshire Councillor who will specifically represent Sherburn in Elmet.

How can the Boundary Commission address the issue?

21. In my view it is imperative that the Town of Sherburn in Elmet is not arbitrarily divided, with part of the Town being placed into an unrelated rural division.
22. The problem is the result of the straight jacket that North Yorkshire has applied to this review, apparently accepted by the Commission, seeking 89 single councillor divisions, an arrangement devised to address the interests of the rural areas of the county at the expense of the urban areas, where multiple councillor wards provide a better solution for the considerable workload in these areas compared to remote rural villages.
23. The solution proposed by North Yorkshire is the worst of all options. Appleton Roebuck and Church Fenton Division is within a different Parliamentary constituency (Wetherby and Easingwold) and the villages in that area have traditionally looked towards Tadcaster as their service centre. Whilst the settlements of Saxton, Barkston Ash, and Church Fenton in the division have some affinity with Sherburn, others, such as Appleton Roebuck, have none and are north of the river Wharfe. By contrast, the villages to the south, particularly South Milford, Monk Fryston and Hillam have looked towards Sherburn as their service centre. This relationship is well illustrated by the membership of such groups as Sherburn and Villages Community Trust (including the volunteer-run library) Sherburn Visiting Scheme (SVS), and the community partnership group, We Are Sherburn (WAS).
24. Whilst the submissions of the Council imply that 89 councillors are adequate for the largest rural unitary in England, councillors in the urban areas of North

Yorkshire, with their workload and committee responsibilities, are reporting that the role represents more than a full-time job in terms of time commitments.

25. Given this, to make Sherburn a single division, and to calculate the number of councillors based on that electorate across the authority would reduce the number of councillors to a level that would further impair the efficient and effective operation of the council, reducing the total number of councillors to around 72.

26. There are, however, options to retain Sherburn in Elmet Parish within a single division, for example:

- 1) To allow the division to be significantly oversized until the next electoral review.
- 2) To combine the Parish area with the parishes to the south within the traditional catchment area of the town and create a two-member division.
- 3) To increase the number of councillors on North Yorkshire Council and deliver Sherburn in Elmet as a two-councillor ward.

27. Clearly these options would have a knock-on effect on the structure of other divisions in the former Selby District, but in my view, this is achievable and would avoid the serious impact on community cohesion of dividing the Town. As already explained, residents of the villages to the south are already heavily involved in the wider Sherburn community. The spreadsheet, accessible via the link at paragraph 36, below, illustrates how my options 1 and 2, above, can achieve both the required number of councillors proposed by NYC and still ensure the whole of the Sherburn in Elmet Town Council area is retained in a single division.

28. Geographical logic and community cohesion is best achieved by Option B on the spreadsheet, for a two-member division combining the parishes of Sherburn in Elmet, Huddleston with Newthorpe, South Milford. Monk Fryston, Hillam, and Fairburn, providing a geographically compact division with a clear service centre and community identity.

29. The relevant figure for each constituent part of the division would be:

Parish/Part Parish	2024 Electorate	Estimated 2030 electorate (incl. housing growth)
Sherburn in Elmet North	3709	3957
Sherburn in Elmet South	2986	3187
Huddleston and Newthorpe	59	63
South Milford North	57	60
South Milford South	2037	2093
Monk Fryston	810	824
Hillam	552	622
Fairburn	678	698
Burton Salmon Main	343	356
Totals	11231	11860

30. Based on the average for North Yorkshire councillors of 5813 electors by 2030, this delivers an electorate of 5930 per councillor for a two-member division

31. Option C of the spreadsheet provides an alternative to Option B by proposing single-member divisions in the former Selby District as far as possible.

The benefits of this proposal

32. The proposal for single-member divisions is not based on any relevant evidence. Many councils have divisions and wards with more than one councillor. For example, Leeds City Council has 99 councillors and thirty-three divisions. Prior to reorganisation in 2023 Selby District Council had several divisions with more than a single councillor, including Sherburn in Elmet, where there were three District councillors elected to a single division, including the whole of the parish.

33. There was no confusion, but many benefits. During the final term of the Council the three district councillors were from different political parties but worked together to achieve considerable investment and benefits to the Town. Despite the high level of casework, residents benefited from the fact that there

was continuous cover over holiday periods and the elected councillors could offer a range of expertise to deal with issues arising.

34. Sherburn is a demanding town for a councillor, unique in North Yorkshire. The reasons for this are:

- A rapidly growing population between 2010 and 2024 of 40%, with continuing population growth as a result of additional housing development currently under construction.
- The largest industrial area in North Yorkshire, currently employing 10000 people, many from outside the Town and likely to grow by several thousand by 2030.
- A need to consider the planning, service and infrastructure provision associated with applications for planning permission for large-scale development.
- Extensive commuting both in and out of the town.
- Two railway stations. (In addition to Sherburn in Elmet, South Milford station (on the Leeds to Selby line) is also within the parish.
- A large number of houses that are still in the ownership of North Yorkshire Council and hence generating a workload for councillors.

35. Despite the considerable issues associated with that growth, the community has been strengthened with the integration of the new residents, and positive community action and cohesion led by individual councillors, the Town Council, and the numerous voluntary groups and trusts working together.

36. Any proposal that divides the Parish between separate council divisions would inevitably impact on strong community ties and identities and be at odds with local needs and circumstances.

37. The spreadsheet link below, which I reproduce with the permission of the Vice-Chair of Sherburn in Elmet Town Council, Councillor Alex Tant-Brown, sets out in detail three options to avoid the division of our community. Option A of the spreadsheet corresponds to my option 1 set out above at paragraph 26, whilst two suggested options address my option 2 (Options B and C on the spreadsheet). I have included this to illustrate that other options are feasible without the need to divide Sherburn in Elmet Parish between the new divisions. I appreciate that there are other options in addition to these.



3 options for Selby
divisions NYC.xlsx

38. I ask the Commission to reject the proposals of North Yorkshire Council to divide our community and to propose instead an outcome which will retain our community unity and cohesion.

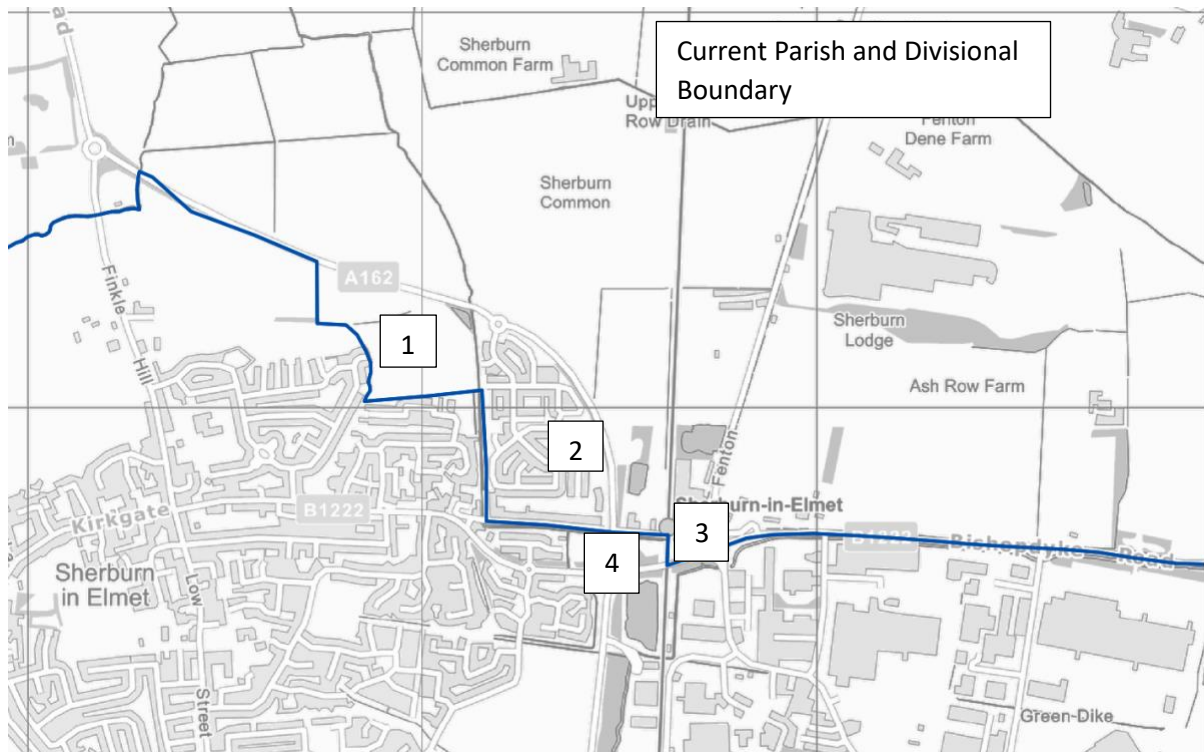
39. If the number of councillors is to be reduced to 89, the solutions set out above will achieve these aims as far as possible given that constraint. Alternatively, increasing the number of proposed councillors and generally accepting multi-councillor divisions would enable greater flexibility in the drawing of divisional boundaries, reflecting community identity and providing an opportunity to develop a more effective and efficient council.

North Yorkshire Councillor Bob Packham – Sherburn in Elmet Division

5/12/2024

APPENDIX A

North Yorkshire proposals (blue line) for the boundary between Sherburn in Elmet and Appleton Roebuck and Church Fenton Division



- 1 Bishop's Quarter: A development of 150 dwellings (potentially increasing to 187 as a result of an undetermined application) currently under construction.
- 2 Hodgson's Gate: A recent development of 279 dwellings.
- 3 Sherburn in Elmet Railway Station.
- 4 Moor Lane Approximately 30 detached and semi-detached houses extending to the east along the north side of Moor Lane.

Min	Target	Max	
5237	5819		6401
Descript Name of Parish			

SEHB	Selby (South Ward 1)
SEHC	Selby (St James Ward)
SEHD	Selby (South Ward 2)
SEHE	Selby (South Ward 3)
SEIA	Selby (West Ward 1)
SEIB	Selby (North Ward)
SEIC	Selby (West Ward 2)
SEHA	Barlby and Osgodby (Barlby Bridge Ward)
SEAA	Barlby & Osgodby (Barlby Village)
SEED	Barlby and Osgodby (Osgodby Ward)

SEJA	Huddleston with Newthorpe
SEJD	South Milford North
SEFI	South Milford South
SEJB	Sherburn - North
SEJC	Sherburn - South

SEEA	Cliffe
SEEB	Hemingbrough
SEEC	North Duffield
SEDF	Skipwith
SEDH	Thorganby
SEDD	Escrick

SEDA	Cawood
SEDB	Ryther Cum Ossendyke
SEDC	Wistow
SEDE	Kelfield
SEDG	Stillingfleet
SEAB	Riccall

SEGA	Eggborough
SEGB	Kellington
SEGC	Balne
SEGD	Cridling Stubbs
SEGE	Heck
SEGF	Kirk Smeaton
SEGG	Little Smeaton

SEGH	Stapleton
SEGI	Stubbs Walden
SEGJ	Whitley
SE GK	Womersley

SEBA	Barlow
SEBB	Brayton - Town
SEBC	Brayton - Village

SEKB	Gateforth
SEKC	Hambleton
SEKD	Thorpe Willoughby

SEFD	Beal
SEFE	Birkin
SEFA	Brotherton
SEFB	Byram Cum Sutton
SEFC	Fairburn
SEFF	Burton Salmon Main
SEFG	Hillam
SEFH	Monk Fryston
SECC	Chapel Haddlesey
SECJ	West Haddlesey

SECA	Camblesforth
SECB	Carlton
SECD	Drax
SECE	Hensall
SECF	Hirst Courtney
SECG	Long Drax
SECH	Newland
SECI	Temple Hirst
SEKA	Burn

WEHA	Newton Kyme cum Toulston
WEHD	Tadcaster (East Ward)
WEHE	Tadcaster (West Ward - Calcaria)
WEHF	Tadcaster (West Ward - St Joseph`s)
WEAE	Bilbrough
WEAG	Healaugh and Catterton (Catterton)
WEAK	Healaugh and Catterton (Healaugh)

WEAA	Appleton Roebuck & Acaster Selby (Acaster Selby)
WEAB	Appleton Roebuck & Acaster Selby (Appleton Roebuck)
WEAC	Barkston Ash
WEAD	Biggin
WEAF	Bolton Percy; Colton & Steeton (Bolton Percy)
WEAH	Church Fenton
WEAI	Bolton Percy; Colton & Steeton (Colton)
WEAJ	Towton; Grimston & Kirkby Wharfe (Grimston)
WEAL	Towton, Grimston & Kirkby Wharfe (Kirkby Wharfe)
WEAM	Saxton cum Scarthingwell with Lead (Lead)
WEAN	Little Fenton
WEAO	Oxton
WEAP	Bolton Percy; Colton & Steeton (Steeton)
WEAQ	Saxton cum Scarthingwell with Lead (Saxton cum Scarthingwell)
WEAR	Townton, Grimston & Kirkby Wharfe (Townton)
WEAS	Ulleskelf
WEHB	Stutton
WEHC	Stutton - Town

Total Cllrs

Parish Parish Ward Grouped Parish Council

Selby CP	South Ward 1	
Selby CP	St James Ward	
Selby CP	South Ward 2	
Selby CP	South Ward 3	
Selby CP	West Ward 1	
Selby CP	North Ward	
Selby CP	West Ward 2	
Barlby with Osgodby CP	Barlby Bridge Ward	
Barlby with Osgodby CP	Barlby Village	
Barlby with Osgodby CP	Osgodby Ward	

Huddleston with Newthorpe CP		
South Milford CP		
South Milford CP		
Sherburn in Elmet CP		
Sherburn in Elmet CP		

Cliffe CP		
Hemingbrough CP		
North Duffield CP		
Skipwith CP		
Thorganby CP		
Escrick CP		

Cawood CP		
Ryther cum Ossendyke CP		
Wistow CP		
Kelfield CP		
Stillingfleet CP		
Riccall CP		

Eggborough CP		
Kellington CP		
Balne CP		
Cridling Stubbs CP		
Heck CP		
Little Smeaton CP		
Little Smeaton CP		

Stapleton CP		Cleasby, Stapleton, , , , ,
Stubbs Walden CP		
Whitley CP		
Cridling Stubbs CP		

Barlow CP		
Brayton CP		
Brayton CP		

Gateforth CP		
Hambleton CP		
Hambleton CP		

Beal CP		
Birkin CP		
Brotherton CP		
Byram cum Sutton CP		
Fairburn CP		
Burton Salmon CP		
Hillam CP		
Hillam CP		
Chapel Haddlesey CP		
West Haddlesey CP		

Camblesforth CP		
Carlton CP		
Drax CP		
Hensall CP		
Hirst Courtney CP		
Drax CP	Drax CP	
Newland CP		
Temple Hirst CP		
Burn CP		

Newton Kyme cum Toulston CP		
Tadcaster CP	East Ward	
Tadcaster CP	West Ward - Calcaria	
Tadcaster CP	West Ward - St Joseph's	
Bilbrough CP		
Catterton CP		Catterton, Healaugh
Healaugh CP		

Appleton Roebuck CP		Acaster Selby, Appleton Roebuck
Appleton Roebuck CP		Acaster Selby, Appleton Roebuck
Barkston Ash CP		
Biggin CP		
Bolton Percy CP		Bolton Percy, Colton, Steeton
Church Fenton CP		
Colton CP		
Grimston CP		Grimston Kirkby Wharfe with North Milford Towton
Kirkby Wharfe with North Milford CP		
Lead CP		
Little Fenton CP		
Oxton CP		
Steeton CP		
Saxton with Scarthingwell CP		Saxton with Scarthingwell, Lead
Towton CP		
Ulleskelf CP		
Stutton with Hazlewood CP		
Stutton with Hazlewood CP		

Existing Division	Electorate		Total 2030 Electorate	% of Min, Tar MAX
	2024	2030		
Selby East	1079	1127	18032	2.81712373
Selby East	414	425		
Selby East	1788	1996		
Selby East	1634	1830		
Selby West	1320	1367		
Selby West	4656	5135		
Selby West	1642	1699		
Selby East	886	917		
Barlby & Riccall	2637	2775		
Cliffe & North Duffield	665	761		
Sherburn In Elmet	59	63	9360	1.462227378
Sherburn In Elmet	57	60		
Monk Fryston & South Milford	2037	2093		
Sherburn In Elmet	3709	3957		
Sherburn In Elmet	2986	3187		
Cliffe & North Duffield	1108	1152	5415	0.845932296
Cliffe & North Duffield	1602	1754		
Cliffe & North Duffield	1085	1167		
Cawood & Escrick	263	270		
Cawood & Escrick	295	303		
Cawood & Escrick	740	769		
Cawood & Escrick	1289	1356	5385	0.841291049
Cawood & Escrick	198	204		
Cawood & Escrick	991	1026		
Cawood & Escrick	330	339		
Cawood & Escrick	333	346		
Barlby & Riccall	2009	2114		
Osgoldcross	1838	2166	5833	0.911287149
Osgoldcross	700	1174		
Osgoldcross	204	213		
Osgoldcross	141	148		
Osgoldcross	176	176		
Osgoldcross	331	348		
Osgoldcross	244	259		

Osgoldcross	49	51		
Osgoldcross	54	55		
Osgoldcross	866	891		
Osgoldcross	334	351		

Brayton & Barlow	610	630	5304	0.828560017
Brayton & Barlow	1353	1397		
Brayton & Barlow	3003	3276		

Thorpe Willoughby & Hambleton	186	193	5395	0.842901225
Thorpe Willoughby & Hambleton	1956	2312		
Thorpe Willoughby & Hambleton	2817	2890		

Monk Fryston & South Milford	587	608	5262	0.822113923
Monk Fryston & South Milford	110	111		
Monk Fryston & South Milford	548	565		
Monk Fryston & South Milford	1070	1118		
Monk Fryston & South Milford	678	698		
Monk Fryston & South Milford	343	356		
Monk Fryston & South Milford	552	622		
Monk Fryston & South Milford	810	824		
Camblesforth & Carlton	172	180		
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Camblesforth & Carlton	1229	1329	5342	0.834600926
Camblesforth & Carlton	1709	1904		
Camblesforth & Carlton	361	374		
Camblesforth & Carlton	655	724		
Camblesforth & Carlton	234	247		
Camblesforth & Carlton	88	93		
Camblesforth & Carlton	180	175		
Camblesforth & Carlton	98	101		
Thorpe Willoughby & Hambleton	379	395		

Tadcaster	449	462	5736	0.896177619
Tadcaster	1963	2029		
Tadcaster	1344	1391		
Tadcaster	1312	1401		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	289	295		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	47	45		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	106	112		

Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	36	38	5498	0.858850959
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	650	700		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	288	292		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	107	111		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	264	269		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	1076	1160		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	122	126		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	45	46		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	72	74		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	39	42		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	86	91		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	12	11		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	27	26		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	468	460		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	170	180		
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fer	1029	1094		
Tadcaster	358	372		
Tadcaster	387	405		

Target, and Max no. of electors

TARGET	MIN	HOW MANY CLLRS?
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3.098884515	3.443270765	3
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1.608475245	1.787228843	2
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0.930540063	1.033953146	1
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Total

Selby and Barlby

3.30%

Sherburn in Elmet and South Milford

-19.58%

Derwent

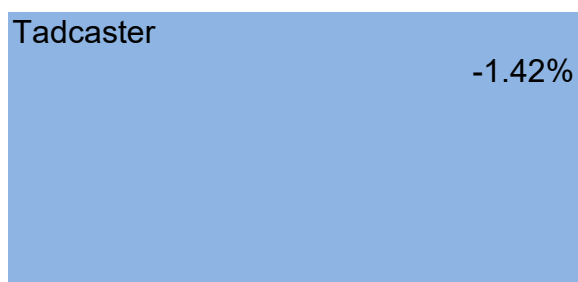
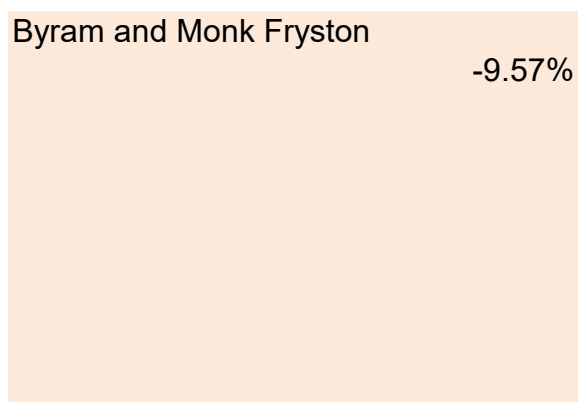
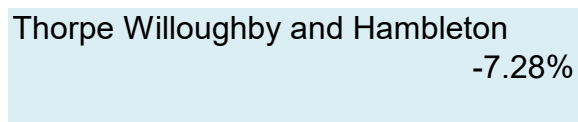
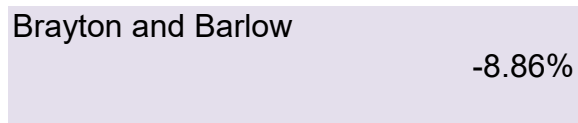
-6.95%

Cawood and Riccall

-7.46%

Osgoldcross

0.24%



AR+CF

-5.52%



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FAO: Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE)

Sherburn in Elmet Town Council wishes to express its strong opposition to the splitting of our parish across two cross-constituency divisions. We further express support for the comments and recommendations provided by NY Councillor Bob Packham (Sherburn in Elmet Division) in relation to the ongoing boundary review process for this area.

We are deeply concerned about North Yorkshire Council's current proposal, which would separate the north-east portion of Sherburn (including key transport infrastructure such as the railway station) from the rest of the community and combine these areas with cross-parliamentary-boundary settlements in Church Fenton and Appleton Roebuck.

This is not an acceptable 'solution'. Not only will it fragment our community, but it will also diminish clarity in representation and responsibilities. Such a configuration would:

1. **Erode Community Cohesion:** Sherburn residents identify strongly with their town. Dividing the community would undermine long-established ties and local identity, and impact strategic planning for the town as a whole.
2. **Create Administrative Challenges:** The proposed division boundaries would require residents (and the Town Council) to liaise with multiple county councillors based on arbitrary street divisions, complicating efforts by the Town Council to advocate effectively for our residents and confusing matters for the community. One of the key aims of the shift from District and County Councils to a single unitary authority in 2022 was to simplify representation for residents. North Yorkshire Council's current proposal for 89 councillors, with wards crossing parliamentary lines and fragmenting our community, will fundamentally reverse that.
3. **Fail to Address Workload Concerns:** The issue of councillor workload is not addressed by reducing the total number of councillors by one. Instead, it exacerbates the problem by concentrating responsibilities further. Only an increase in councillor numbers can resolve this.

In summary, we, as a Council, strongly oppose any solution that splits the parish of Sherburn in Elmet across two divisions.

Addressing the points raised in Cllr Packham's submission is vital to preserving the integrity, cohesion, and functionality of our local community, and we urge the Commission to give them the fullest consideration.

Sherburn in Elmet is a thriving and unique community that has experienced significant residential and industrial growth in recent years, far surpassing the rates of surrounding areas (40% increase since 2011). Our town serves as a central hub for neighbouring villages, providing essential amenities and transport links, and North Yorkshire's largest industrial estate. These factors underline Sherburn's role as a growing and interdependent community that must not be arbitrarily divided.

We believe that Sherburn's unique circumstances demand a tailored solution that retains its unity and adequately reflects its growth trajectory. To this end, the Town Council has worked with Cllr Packham to highlight a number of potentially viable alternatives, all of which are preferable to the current proposal (which is the worst of all scenarios):

- **Option A:** A single-councillor Sherburn parish-only division, over the target number of electors but preserving community unity.
- **Option B:** A two-member division comprising the existing division of Sherburn in Elmet, as well as the polling districts of: South Milford South, Monk Fryston, Hillam, Fairburn & Burton Salmon Main.
- **Option C:** The same as Option B, but with the polling district of Brotherton added for a two-member division.
- **Option D:** A two-member division comprising both Sherburn in Elmet and South Milford parishes in their entirety, and the parish of Huddlestone with Newthorpe. Through residential development, this would grow into the tolerant variance for electors per councillor.

Each option represents a practical solution that prioritises community ties, ensures clarity of representation, and aligns with Sherburn's status as a vital local hub. We have also provided data spreadsheets (see appendix and separate attachment, enclosed) which outline how these divisions would satisfy the LGBCE's variances for our proposed divisions, and across the former Selby district.

We firmly believe that Sherburn in Elmet as a unified two-councillor ward or as an over-subscribed single-councillor ward are the only appropriate outcomes for this review. We strongly urge the Commission to prioritise solutions that maintain Sherburn's unity, reflecting the town's unique growth trajectory and its role as a central hub for surrounding areas. Recognising that Sherburn holds a unique position with 10,000+ additional 'non-electors' (for example community-space users, students, shoppers, workers) travelling to, through or from the division on a daily basis.

In providing multi-member division options, we believe that we have provided solutions that would bring the elector-to-councillor ratio down to be more in line with other unitary authorities, potentially diversify councillor demographics, reduce individual councillor workloads (particularly problematic in busy urban areas), and provide more continuous access to councillor support year-round.

We thank the Boundary Review Commission for considering our submission and Councillor Packham's detailed analysis. We are confident that by considering the options above, we can achieve a boundary solution that reflects the needs and aspirations of Sherburn in Elmet and its residents.

Yours sincerely,



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For and on behalf of Sherburn in Elmet Town Council

Appendix I: Sherburn Division Compositions

Option A – Single Sherburn in Elmet Parish-only Division

22.77% Oversubscribed for the target number of electors (2030).

Polling District	Name of Polling District	Parish	Existing Division	Electorate 2024	Electorate 2030	Total 2030 Electorate	No. of Cllrs
SEJB	Sherburn – North	Sherburn in Elmet CP	Sherburn in Elmet	3709	3957	7144	1
SEJC	Sherburn - South	Sherburn in Elmet CP	Sherburn in Elmet	2986	3187		

Option B – Dual Councillor Sherburn in Elmet and Monk Fryston Division

A 2 Councillor division with a 1.91% oversubscription on the target number of electors (2030) per councillor.

Polling District	Name of Polling District	Parish	Existing Division	Electorate 2024	Electorate 2030	Total 2030 Electorate	No. of Cllrs
SEJA	Huddlestone with Newthorpe	Huddlestone with Newthorpe CP	Sherburn in Elmet	59	63	11860	2
SEJB	Sherburn – North	Sherburn in Elmet CP	Sherburn in Elmet	3709	3957		
SEJC	Sherburn - South	Sherburn in Elmet CP	Sherburn in Elmet	2986	3187		
SEJD	South Milford - North	South Milford CP	Sherburn in Elmet	57	60		
SEFC	Fairburn	Fairburn CP	Monk Fryston and South Milford	678	698		
SEFF	Burton Salmon Main	Burton Salmon CP	Monk Fryston and South Milford	343	356		
SEFG	Hillam	Hillam CP	Monk Fryston and South Milford	552	622		
SEFH	Monk Fryston	Monk Fryston CP	Monk Fryston and South Milford	810	824		
SEFI	South Milford – South	South Milford CP	Monk Fryston and South Milford	2037	2093		

Option C – Dual Councillor Sherburn in Elmet and Monk Fryston Division (plus Brotherton)

A 2 Councillor division with a 6.76% oversubscription on the target number of electors (2030) per councillor.

Polling District	Name of Polling District	Parish	Existing Division	Electorate 2024	Electorate 2030	Total 2030 Electorate	No. of Cllrs
SEJA	Huddlestone with Newthorpe	Huddlestone with Newthorpe CP	Sherburn in Elmet	59	63	12425	2
SEJB	Sherburn – North	Sherburn in Elmet CP	Sherburn in Elmet	3709	3957		
SEJC	Sherburn - South	Sherburn in Elmet CP	Sherburn in Elmet	2986	3187		
SEJD	South Milford - North	South Milford CP	Sherburn in Elmet	57	60		
SEFA	Brotherton	Brotherton CP	Monk Fryston and South Milford	548	565		
SEFC	Fairburn	Fairburn CP	Monk Fryston and South Milford	678	698		
SEFF	Burton Salmon Main	Burton Salmon CP	Monk Fryston and South Milford	343	356		
SEFG	Hillam	Hillam CP	Monk Fryston and South Milford	552	622		
SEFH	Monk Fryston	Monk Fryston CP	Monk Fryston and South Milford	810	824		
SEFI	South Milford – South	South Milford CP	Monk Fryston and South Milford	2037	2093		

Option D – Dual councillor Sherburn in Elmet and South Milford Division

A 2 Councillor division with a 19.58% undersubscription on the target number of electors (2030) per councillor.

Polling District	Name of Polling District	Parish	Existing Division	Electorate 2024	Electorate 2030	Total 2030 Electorate	No. of Cllrs
SEJA	Huddlestone with Newthorpe	Huddlestone with Newthorpe CP	Sherburn in Elmet	59	63	9360	2
SEJB	Sherburn – North	Sherburn in Elmet CP	Sherburn in Elmet	3709	3957		
SEJC	Sherburn - South	Sherburn in Elmet CP	Sherburn in Elmet	2986	3187		
SEJD	South Milford - North	South Milford CP	Sherburn in Elmet	57	60		
SEFI	South Milford – South	South Milford CP	Monk Fryston and South Milford	2037	2093		