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Related subject: Rampton/Rural areas

The BDC submission is one of the most appalling pieces of gerrymandering I have seen in local govt.

The re-alignment of wards to shore up the current administration is blatant e.g The double think to keep the Welbeck ward in one is bizarre. As stated by BDC the people of Elkesley (who see themselves as rural Retford) share nothing with the remainder of the ward but are there to justify another 'Worksop' seat, I could also add the loss of a rural seat in the East (traditionally Conservative - one of only 8 currently held) with none of the other areas losing any. I note some incorrect assumptions e.g Sundown is a major employer in Rampton - not correct. North and South Leverton identify strongly as one - again not correct (they are divided by a railway line and have there own pubs and community spaces).

Not surprisingly the only total disbandment of a two/three member ward proposed by BDC is the only Conservative ward where this occurs (Tuxford and Trent).

The Blyth/Langold proposal is again clearly an attempt to shore up a previous Conservative seat with a strong Labour voting area. The people of Blyth are proud of their village and independent outlook and this proposal undermines that community.

Other examples clearly exist.

Why do we not have more one member wards. Local people like them as it makes Cllrs accountable?

Attached Documents:

None attached