

# North Yorkshire

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Selby

The proposals ignore community identity, will result in massive confusion, disillusionment and disenfranchisement. The proposal to allocate the Staynor Hall estate of Selby in to the Barlby and Osgodby ward is a travesty - the residents of Staynor Hall regard themselves as part of Selby, not Barlby & Osgodby. The only physical link between Staynor Hall estate and Barlby is via a bridge over the River Ouse - which does not have any pedestrian footways. Residents will be confused that they are part of Barlby & Osgodby for some issues, but part of Selby Town for parish related issues. This will hinder them getting the help and support they need.

Secondly - the proposal to carve up the Leeds Road area in to two different wards is ludicrous. The residents in that area are a community and will have similar issues / concerns. Dividing this area between two wards will cause confusion when they try to contact a councillor, and result (again) in disillusionment and disenfranchisement.

Thirdly - the proposal for the two 8-councillor wards for Selby Town Council fly in the face of democratic representation. Such large wards are acceptable for North Yorkshire Council, but at a town-council level this lumps too many different communities in to one ward, and also makes it difficult to coordinate casework amongst 8 councillors all representing the same ward.

Selby Town Council is putting forward alternative proposals which address these issues. I strongly urge you to give these full consideration.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*