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Dear Sir / Madam

I have reviewed the information presented and wish to express my strongest opposition to this politically motivated chaotic and illogical attempt to equalise electoral representation.

The proposal put forward by political representatives provide no reasoning for linking Scalby to West Ayton and the communities along the A170 to Snainton. There are no geographical factors to support this proposal. Any argument that the River Derwent separates East & West Ayton is completely without reasoning when the Parish of Scalby is separated physically by over two and a half miles of farmland.

The argument put forward for pairing East Ayton with Seamer and Irton on the basis that they are connected by a common road is again absolute nonsense when it makes no reference to the fact that Easy & west Ayton are to all intent and purpose one community "Ayton".

Equalising the electoral numbers without any recognition of the physical area the electoral population are spread over again adds to the nonsense of this proposal.

The two communities operate as one as the assets are distributed across both. Social cohesion which operates every day via the Community Facebook Page has one calling point when an issue requires input to the Councillor representing the electorate in East & West Ayton. Separating East from West as regards the Councillor will add confusion and derision when an issue is raised. It will require grid references to determine

which Councillor the person needs to contact as opposed the simple reality now. One Councillor, one name.

I have also tried to make sense of the numbers provided to come forward with an alternative.

Because the political representatives created this monster unravelling it is almost impossible as one movement then destabilises another group.

My proposal would be that Part of Seamer and Irton (Crossgates, which you did not provide population numbers for) which has a defined boundary should be paired with Cayton. Both communities have common transport systems and proximity to shops and employment. Crossgates has had a physical barrier in the design of a woodland and road created (Curlew Drive) to break the advance of Crossgates in to Seamer from a planning perspective so separation physically exists. This would bring up Cayton.

Seamer & Irton brought in to East & West Ayton / Derwent Ward. Derwent Ward which carries over in to Harwood Dale which is a different river drainage system to the Derwent could be paired with the Scalby, Burniston, Cloughton or parts of. The smaller wards on the North York Moors can make up alternative configurations to steer towards your target figure but sole using the target figure without referencing the square miles of land is not a sound approach.

I am sure that the communities affected, if they had been asked at the start, could have come up with a much better solution than this crass, dogs dinner of a gerrymander.

Attached Documents:

None attached