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Related subject: Proposed Birstwith and Pannal division

The councillors are strongly opposed to the current proposed Birstwith and Pannal division and for the following reasons:

- 1) the parish of Pannal and Burn Bridge should not sit with the village of Birstwith and the villages in between as it is recognised that Birstwith is very much a rural community in the heart of Nidderdale whereas Pannal and Burn Bridge are effectively Harrogate / Leeds commuter villages serviced by its trainline and bus services.
- 2) Pannal and Burn Bridge sit in close location to the developed / will be further developed area called the Western Arc of Harrogate and, as such, its villages are subject to heavy vehicle / commuter traffic flow to and from the A61 main Harrogate to Leeds Road. As such, Birstwith (and the intervening villages between) with its outlying area, its rurality and relatively peaceful location bears no resemblance to the villages of Pannal and Burn Bridge.
- 3) Whilst not ideal, villages such as Beckwithshaw, North Rigton, Weeton, Huby and Askwith share common identities, a similar community spirit and like physical positioning which would make placement with the Washburn Valley a far more appropriate division.
- 4) The above villages are linked well by major roads and rail services and which are integral within the Pannal parish.
- 5) Additionally and historically, the above villages have been linked electorally.
- 6) The parish of Pannal and Burn Bridge and its immediate locality are subject to specific building developments and which impact directly on both villages whereas there is little commonality with Birstwith in Nidderdale.

For the above reasons the Parish Council of Pannal and Burn Bridge strongly urge reconsideration of this proposed Pannal and Birstwith division.

Attached Documents:

None attached