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Ripon City Council have resolved to respond to the Local Government Boundary Commission giving reasons why the revised Parish & Unitary boundaries should be reviewed again and to register our objections to the current proposals per the below.

Parish Boundaries

We recommend that the development of 390 dwellings at West Lane, Ripon, known as Fountains Walk, be redesignated from Littlethorpe parish to Ripon City by redrafting the boundary line.

Reasons for this: The site has no direct road link to Littlethorpe village and no affinity with it. All services, schools, doctors, shops are situated within the city. The overall effects upon the city are significant and it is therefore appropriate that the parish precept from this estate be paid to Ripon City Council and not to a remote rural parish. Upon completion of the site the electorate is estimated at around 1,000 people and the Boundary Commission should consider the long-term effects and act accordingly. To compensate for this increase in the electorate of the Moorside Ward minor adjustments to the boundaries of the adjacent wards would achieve close to the desired number of electors per ward.

North Yorkshire Council Divisions

Boundary Commission proposals to include a large section of the east of the city into a new “Canal & Ure Bank” division are not advisable. The area is very urban with masses of terraced housing. The proposed boundaries go right into the centre of the city and even split several roads down the middle. This urban area should remain within the appropriate Ripon City Division as it has no affinity whatsoever with the surrounding rural villages. This proposal agrees with the submission made by North Yorkshire Council.

To assist in reducing the number of Ripon electors to the optimum we recommend that the north-west extremity of Ripon Cathedral & Spa Division be transferred into the Masham & Fountains Division to include the military estate where personnel are largely transient and seldom form long-term connections with the City of Ripon. This proposal also broadly coincides with the map produced in the NYC report.

Attached Documents:

None attached