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Related subject: As the Parish Clerk, I write on behalf of the Parish Council

Along with the view of North Yorkshire Council, the Parish Council believes that the split of Aiskew and Leeming Bar is largely unfounded. Whilst Aiskew is now completely connected to Bedale, Leeming Bar is an area dominated by industrial activity and is separated by the A1(M). For this reason the NYC proposal, uniting the Swale communities to the east of the A1(M) is considered to better reflect the identity of the place.

Aiskew has been in different divisions to Leeming Bar for much of its history and has been within different parliamentary constituencies and different Districts at times. By keeping them separate, it creates the possibility of combining the South Swale Villages with the area to the east of the A1(M) towards the River Swale as described above.

Prior to the Unitary formation of NYC, Aiskew and Leeming Bar were served with 3 District Councillors. Since then we have been served by one County Councillor. Under the Commissions proposal, this would see us remain with one County Councillor, but they would also cover Bedale which we are very concerned would severely limit the capacity of that Councillor to serve the communities of Aiskew and Leeming Bar adequately.

Attached Documents:

None attached