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Comment text:

The proposal to place Patrick Brompton in Scotton Ward fails one of the Boundary Commission's key criteria: -

- Community Identities – that the pattern of wards should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.

As a Village our community ties remain with our neighbours particularly the Village of Newton-le-Willows with whom the Village share a Parish Church community, a joint Village Hall Committee and where both Parish Councils to work jointly.

The removal of Patrick Brompton from the existing Lower Wensleydale Ward and its area of common interest is in contravention to the Local Government's Boundary Commission's own terms of statutory criteria and separates our village from other villages in which we share a common interest.

The decision to link the Parish of Patrick Brompton in the predominately urban ward of Scotton, where the community interests are predominately focussed on the Garrison community and the Armed Forces is in contradiction to the issues which face the Villages and communities in the Lower Wensleydale area.

The Parish Council are proposing that following consultation the Boundary Commission be asked to leave the Patrick Brompton Parish in the Lower Wensleydale Ward and transfer Spennithorne Parish to the Leyburn Ward to demonstrate that they believe that wards should reflect the interests and identities of local communities.

The Parish Council Proposal would mean that the Boundary Commission would still meet their objectives to equalise the Wards across Richmondshire within a 10% range of the 1,597 average set by the Council.

The Parish Council are concerned that the Boundary Commission figures are inaccurate. The Boundary Commission seem to believe that by 2023 there will be no population increase in the Colburn Moor area (the area around White Shops and the former Hospital). Their figures suggest that there will be 274 electors in 2017 and 274 electors in 2023. Given the scale of development and the decision to extend the Garrison we think that these figures are inaccurate and there will be more electors in the Scotton Ward by 2023 than is implied.

Attached Documents:

None attached