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Related subject: South Bank

I am responding to the first stage of the electoral review as a local resident and parent of two children living on South Bank Avenue, York.

In my view South Bank Avenue is part of a well-defined and friendly community centred on South Bank, Bishopthorpe Road, Knavesmire Primary School, Rowntree Park, and the Knavesmire. This sense of community comes from everyday life: walking to school, using local shops, spending time in nearby green spaces, and moving around the area mainly on foot.

My children attend Knavesmire Primary School, and much of our daily routine takes place within the South Bank and Knavesmire area. Walking to and from school, meeting friends in Rowntree Park, and spending time on the Knavesmire are all part of normal family life and help create strong connections between these places and the surrounding streets.

Rowntree Park and the Knavesmire feel like the natural edges of our community rather than lines running through it. They are shared spaces that bring people together and clearly mark where the neighbourhood gives way to different areas beyond. From a resident's point of view, treating them as internal ward boundaries would not reflect how the area is actually experienced.

Bishopthorpe Road is very much the heart of the neighbourhood. It is where we shop, meet others, access services, and catch public transport. It connects the community and does not feel like a dividing line.

Tadcaster Road, by contrast, clearly does. It is a busy main road that limits easy movement on foot and marks a noticeable change in character on either side. It feels like a natural boundary between communities and should be treated as such.

To the north, Skeldergate Bridge is widely seen as the point where the community gives way to the city centre. Beyond the bridge, patterns of movement and use change in a way that clearly distinguishes it from our neighbourhood.

In my opinion South Bank Avenue and the surrounding streets should be a ward that includes South Bank, Bishopthorpe Road, Knavesmire Primary School, Rowntree Park, and the Knavesmire, with these spaces forming the edges of the ward rather than dividing it internally. This would best reflect how residents experience the area and support effective local representation.

Attached Documents:

None attached