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I have often thought that some of the wards don't represent the areas well. Take Guildhall - do issues that face those within the Bar Walls match those on Hull Road, The Groves or on St Mary's Bootham? Other random anomalies - why is there a small section of Rawcliffe and Clifton Without covering a small section of Haxby Road? Do parts of Holgate Road share the same issues as those along South Bank? The former council housing area of Clifton are worlds apart from those living alongside St Peter's School. And goodness know's what is going on at the meeting of Rural West York, Dringhouses and Woodthorpe, Bishopthorpe, and Copmanthorpe! Was there an earthquake when the lines were drawn?

I've attached a map I created on Google Maps to try to cover areas where people may have more in common with their neighbours than they do currently. It's the different coloured areas rather than the "localities" within each one.

The biggest issue we have is disenfranchisement. The electorate is feeling ignored, so for me, it's not about reducing the number of councillors, because the population is growing (this is due to people moving here, rather than "home-grown" growth), but it's about making wards relevant.

As a result of my suggestion, I do think that each ward should have 1 councillor.

It would be unfair to expect councillors to lump two very different areas of the city together as it does currently - Bishophill / The Mount, Leeman Road / West Bank area in Holgate, Tang Hall / Badger Hill. The demographics of one almost cancel out the other.

Attached Documents:

- york-areas.png