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Related subject: Dringhouses and Woodthorpe

I live in Dringhouses and Woodthorpe, which is a slightly geographically anomalous ward, within the York Outer constituency but bounded to north, west and east by wards falling in the York Central constituency boundary. Nevertheless I think the ward boundary works well, with housing along Tadcaster Road as an eastern boundary and a southern limit of Moor Lane, the two joining at Askham Bar roundabout. There is a balance of residential development including some older 19th century properties, mid 20th century owner-occupied family housing along each side of Tadcaster Road, former social housing (Dringhouses estate) from the same period, to the western side of Tadcaster Road, plus later 20th century housing development, mostly to the west, along Moor Lane. This mixture of housing age and type creates a social, economic and demographic balance that can help inform good councillor decision making. Two bus routes link the ward and the centre of York. The number 12 travels from Woodthorpe along Moor Lane and Tadcaster Road into the City Centre and the number 4 connects Dringhouses estate with the city centre along St Helens Road and Tadcaster Road. A large Tesco store located at the Askham Bar roundabout, provides 'local' shopping for Dringhouses and Woodthorpe residents.

If adjustments to ward boundaries are needed to increase the ward resident number I believe this may be achieved by a slight northern adjustment along the west side of Tadcaster Road at the boundary with Micklegate (St George's Place/ Mount Vale Drive plus Tadcaster Road to Mount Vale) and also along the eastern residential area including Acomb Wood Drive and Bellwood Drive, currently within Westfield ward. However I note that Micklegate and Westfield wards are in the York Central Parliamentary constituency and any boundary re-drawing will cause constituency anomalies within Dringhouses and Woodthorpe. I therefore favour current boundaries remaining unchanged. I have read the Council's October 2025 submission to the boundary review and support the position that multi councillor wards are to be preferred. Dringhouses

and Woodthorpe works well as a 3 member ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached