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Comment text:

1. Langley Gate and Rural West

Notwithstanding the contents of my formal complaint relating to disinformation shared with Langley Gate residents, I wanted to make a few other comments as local councillor for current Acomb ward.

I acknowledge that due to existing unmerged parish councils (despite Nether and Upper Poppleton requesting it!) the warding options are not ideal, and I support the LGBCE proposal followed by a CGR. I am comfortable with the 'Boroughbridge Road' name across the road but 'Portal Road' would be equally good for that parish ward. I would suggest that the current draft 'Acomb' parish ward is not the clearest name, and that 'Langley Gate' would be a better name for that parish ward even though it doesn't exclusively contain Langley Gate houses.

I attach an image of the view from a small private plane of the new development and its geographical context. The suggestion that Trenchard Road is in Knapton or that Westview Close is in Poppleton is just silly from any meaning of 'community' that the LGBCE would ever reasonably use. Yes, people drive and walk and cycle and bus to schools and businesses in Poppleton, and they do the same to Acomb, and to other parts of York. Indeed the whole of Poppleton is in the catchment for York High in the south half of Acomb. When I have spoken to people on this stretch of Boroughbridge Road, and on Millfield Lane, Westview Close, Portal Road and Langley Gate, they are more likely to get the bus into Acomb or York than into Poppleton, and they consider their connections to Acomb to be stronger than the villages, with the exception of existing connections to the parish council which are negligible for the newbuild Langley Gate area and quite weak for the other streets. The strongest argument against it would be a ward crossing constituency boundaries, but that's par for the course in boundary reviews.

Attached Documents:

- langley-gate.png



Skelton

Rawcliffe

Poppleton

River Ouse

York Business Park

Harrogate Line railway

A1237

Manor School

British Sugar site

Langley Gate

Knapton (1km) ↓