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Related subject: The proposed Derwent ward

As Chair of Wheldrake Parish Council acting on behalf of our parish councillors, we wish to re-iterate the objections expressed by CYC ward councillor Christian Vassie, Elvington Parish Council and Dunnington Parish Council, that the creation of the proposed Derwent 'super' ward, will exacerbate the lack of cohesion already felt by the communities in the current ward set-up. What is being completely missed is that the villages you propose to include in the Derwent ward have separate identities, separate needs, and separate population profiles - for example, Wheldrake has an elderly population that is higher than the national and local average. We - alongside other villages proposed to be included in the Derwent ward - have our own identity that we wish to keep and nurture. We are proud of our village, as indeed the residents of Elvington, Naburn, Deighton, Dunnington, Holtby, Kexby undoubtedly feel too. We have absolutely nothing in common with the other villages other than the fact we are seen by others who don't understand our communities, as easy to lump together. As a case in point, the worst thing ever done to our communities was to make us part of the City of York council area in 1996. Since then, we have consistently felt like second class citizens with a perception that the council has focused primarily on the city of York itself, rather than understanding the differences between city dwellers and village communities. This latest proposal simply adds to that perception, and being represented by 2 councillors who politically may oppose each other's policies etc does absolutely nothing to fill us with confidence that our needs will be addressed or met.

Thank you
Sue Nelson
Chair, Wheldrake Parish Council

Attached Documents:

None attached