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Related subject: Whinfield and Haughton

I have lived in Whinfield for just over six months and would like to express my support for the proposal to bring Haughton Village and the surrounding parish areas together with Whinfield in a single ward.

Since moving to the area, I've quickly come to realise how connected Whinfield and Haughton are. I regularly use the shops, pubs and other amenities in Haughton Village, and many of my friends who live in Whinfield do exactly the same. It's somewhere we often go to meet up, spend time together and make use of local services. Likewise, people from Haughton regularly use facilities in Whinfield, whether that's shopping at Asda, visiting the Shuttle and Loom, or spending time in the parks and open spaces.

From my experience, the links between Whinfield and Haughton are obvious in everyday life. People move between the two areas without really thinking about it, and they feel like part of the same community. I've spoken to a number of friends about these proposals and everyone I've discussed it with agrees that Whinfield and Haughton are closely connected and that bringing them together in a single ward makes sense.

I would also encourage the Commission to consider naming the ward "Whinfield and Haughton". While both communities are important and closely connected, Whinfield is the larger area and is where most residents within the proposed ward will live. Putting Whinfield first in the name would better reflect the makeup of the ward while still recognising the important role Haughton plays within the wider community.

Attached Documents:

None attached