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Related subject: Whinfield and Haughton

I am a long-standing resident of Whinfield and would like to express my support for the Commission's proposal to bring Haughton Village and the surrounding parish areas together with Whinfield in a single ward.

From my experience, there are already strong links between these communities. Many people living in Whinfield regularly visit Haughton Village to use its shops, pubs and other local facilities, while residents from Haughton often come into Whinfield to use amenities such as Asda, the Shuttle and Loom, and our parks, play areas and walking routes. These are places that people use as part of their everyday lives, and there is a natural connection between the communities.

I do, however, feel that Springfield Park would provide a more sensible and recognisable boundary than the A167. The Oakwood Drive estate and nearby streets seem to have stronger day-to-day links with Springfield than with the wider Whinfield and Haughton area. Springfield Park is also a clear local feature that residents can easily identify, making it a more natural ward boundary.

Overall, I believe the Commission's proposal provides a good basis for the revised ward. Including Haughton Village and the parish areas alongside Whinfield reflects the way people already live, shop and socialise, while moving the Oakwood Drive estate into Springfield would create boundaries that better match local communities and everyday patterns of life.

Attached Documents:

None attached