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Related subject: Osbaldwick

The review refers to Osbaldwick and Derwenthorpe as an existing ward. However, no such ward exists. There currently is an Osbaldwick and Derwent ward with 2 members. Using names different from those that apply at this time is confusing for the general public, many of whom are not aware of which ward they live in in any case.

The proposals include a new Tang Hall and Derwenthorpe ward and this proposed ward (2 council members) does not include the whole of Derwenthorpe. Phase 1 (aka Stephenson quarter) will be in the new Osbaldwick ward, represented by 1 council member. And phase 4 (aka Rowntree quarter) will be in Heworth Without, along with Seebohm quarter (aka phase 3) and Meadlands.

I suggest that the Tang Hall and Derwenthorpe proposed ward is simply called Tang Hall (I suspect the postal address for Lotherington (aka Phase 2) is Tang Hall). The proposals would thus place areas of what many people would consider to be a community (Derwenthorpe) into separate wards. I imagine this is partly because the access roads to each phase/quarter make natural divisions.

These proposals have implications for the constituency boundaries (though I understand this is not part of the Local Government Boundary Commission's remit). Some Derwenthorpe residents will remain in York Outer and others may in future be in York Central. Ward and constituency boundaries already seem quite arbitrary to many voters and these proposals will add to that perception.

Attached Documents:

None attached