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Related subject: Rufforth with Knapton.

Under the proposed changes, Trenchard Road would be moved from the Rufforth and Knapton ward into the Acomb ward.

I have a few personal concerns about the proposed boundary changes:

Cost to Residents

Home and vehicle insurance premiums are likely to increase if automated risk-assessment systems classify us as no longer in Low Crime, Rural Rufforth and Knapton but now in (relatively) High Crime Urban Acomb.

Loss of Local Representation

We have been very well served by the Parish Council, particularly during matters such as the Wheatlands Field planning proposal. It is unclear whether residents would receive the same level of local representation and support as part of a larger city ward.

The Increased Concern of Additional Building In Our Area

The stated aim of the review is to balance elector numbers across wards (approximately 3,200 electors per councillor). However, moving our area

would still leave Rural West York around 10% below that average.

If this is the case then it will increase the argument for additional building within the Ward as there is scope to increase the number of residents.

Voting and Representation

The changes will also affect parliamentary constituency boundaries and local electoral representation. We will move from York Outer to York.

I feel that there is potential that my vote carries different weight depending on the demographic and political makeup of the constituency in which I reside.

I object to these proposals for the following reasons:

There is no clear need for the change.

The area has longstanding historical ties to Rufforth and Knapton.

Residents identify more strongly with the surrounding rural community.

The Parish Council has provided valuable support and representation.

Residents may prefer to remain part of a rural ward rather than be incorporated into a city ward.

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Attached Documents:

None attached