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Related subject: Rural West York

I would like to formally oppose the proposed boundary changes affecting Rural West York, in particular the changes to Rufforth and Knapton. The area around Trenchard Road and Portal Road has a long-standing historical connection with Rufforth and Knapton. Many of the homes in this area were originally built to support the airfield at Rufforth, and those ties remain strong today. Although we are situated close to York, the character and identity of the area are firmly rooted in the surrounding countryside.

We also have a well-established and productive relationship with the Parish Council. We regularly seek its advice, work collaboratively on local matters, and benefit from its understanding of the community's needs. This is an important connection that we do not wish to see weakened or severed.

I am therefore extremely puzzled by the proposal to incorporate our area into Acomb. This is particularly difficult to understand when the revised Rural West ward would be around 9% below the target electorate of approximately 3,200 voters per councillor.

In my view, there is no compelling justification for this change. On the contrary, there are numerous reasons why it should not proceed. The proposal would disregard established community ties, weaken existing local representation, and place an area with a distinct rural identity into a ward with which it has far fewer historical and community connections.

For these reasons, I strongly urge that the proposed boundary changes be reconsidered and that the area around Trenchard Road and Portal Road remain within Rural West York.

Attached Documents:

None attached