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Related subject: Electoral Boundary Review – Proposed Reallocation of Trenchard Road to Acomb West Ward

Subject: Formal Objection to Proposed Boundary Changes – Trenchard Road

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Electoral Boundary Review – Proposed Reallocation of Trenchard Road to Acomb West Ward

I am writing to submit a formal objection to the proposal to transfer Trenchard Road from the Rufforth & Knapton Ward into the Acomb West Ward.

This objection is grounded in statutory principles regarding the maintenance of community identity, effective local governance, and the mitigation of adverse socio-economic impacts on residents.

1. Preservation of Community Identity and Local Governance

Trenchard Road exhibits a distinct rural character, bolstered by its immediate proximity to green belt land. It shares no geographical, cultural, or historical alignment with the urban landscape of Acomb West.

Crucially, governance is currently facilitated by the Rufforth & Knapton Parish Council. This body provides tailored representation on planning matters and green belt preservation. Subsuming this locality into a larger urban ward will dilute residents' democratic representation and diminish local accountability.

2. Quantifiable Financial Implications

Evidence indicates that the proposed boundary alteration will trigger adverse automated risk reassessments by financial institutions. Preliminary comparative insurance data for the immediate area shows a projected premium increase from £326 to £460 per annum for automotive coverage alone. There are further concerns regarding the negative material impact on local property valuations.

3. Strategic Planning and Green Belt Integrity

The justification for this amendment—namely, equalising elector numbers—fails to account for broader strategic risks. Removing this sector from the Rural West York designation will leave the remaining rural ward below average electorate levels. This artificially creates a pretext for future housing development pressures on protected green belt land.

4. Public Service Alignment and Civic Disenfranchisement

The proposal introduces administrative fragmentation. While residents would be forced into the Acomb West ward structure, their logistical reliance remains with Rural West York infrastructure. This discrepancy threatens established school catchment expectations, specifically regarding Manor School.

Furthermore, transferring residents from the York Outer parliamentary constituency into York Central disregards established community ties solely for the purpose of administrative convenience.

Conclusion

The statutory criteria for boundary reviews require that recommendations reflect community identities and secure effective local government. The current proposal fails on both counts. I request that Trenchard Road be retained within the Rufforth & Knapton Ward.

Yours faithfully,



Attached Documents:

None attached