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Related subject: Upper Poppleton

I wish to object to the proposal to transfer the Langley Gate area from Poppleton/Upper Poppleton to Acomb/West Acomb as part of the current ward boundary review.

My reasons are as follows:

Community Identity and Local Connections

Although Langley Gate is a relatively new residential development, residents have become part of the wider Poppleton community. Many residents use local facilities, services, schools, community groups and amenities associated with Poppleton and identify more closely with Poppleton and its surrounding rural environment than with the urban area of Acomb.

Lack of Demonstrated Need

I have not seen clear evidence that moving this area into a different ward is necessary. Any boundary changes should be supported by a compelling case demonstrating clear benefits for residents and local representation.

Impact on Effective Local Representation

Residents of Langley Gate share many of the same interests and concerns as neighbouring Poppleton communities. Retaining the area within the existing ward arrangements would help ensure that local representation remains aligned with those shared interests. Transferring the area to West Acomb may reduce the effectiveness of that representation by placing residents within a ward with different priorities and characteristics.

Character of the Area

Although the proposed change is administrative only, Langley Gate forms part of the western edge of York and sits adjacent to the rural communities of Poppleton. Its character and setting are more closely associated with these neighbouring communities than with the more urban environment of Acomb.

Existing Local Links

Residents have purchased homes in a development marketed as being part of the Poppleton area and have established local connections accordingly. These links should be recognised and preserved wherever possible.

Electoral Equality Considerations

I understand that one aim of the review is to achieve electoral equality between wards. However, I understand that retaining Langley Gate within the current ward structure would not create a significant imbalance and therefore does not appear to justify disrupting established community connections and local identity.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I believe the proposed boundary change does not adequately reflect local community identity and would not improve effective and convenient local government. I therefore ask that the current boundary arrangements be retained.

Thank you for considering my views.

Attached Documents:

None attached