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Related subject: Upper Poppleton

I am writing to object to the proposal to move the Langley Gate development from the current Poppleton ward arrangements into West Acomb.

My concerns are set out below.

Community Association

Residents of Langley Gate are closely connected with Poppleton in their day-to-day lives. Many households use local amenities, schools, community facilities and services associated with Poppleton. As a result, the development has become integrated with the wider Poppleton community and is generally perceived by residents as part of that area rather than Acomb.

Insufficient Justification for Change

While I appreciate the need to review electoral boundaries periodically, I am not convinced that a sufficiently strong case has been made for transferring Langley Gate into a different ward. Any alteration should deliver a clear benefit to residents and local governance, and I have not seen evidence that this proposal would achieve that.

Representation of Local Interests

The issues affecting Langley Gate residents are closely aligned with those affecting neighbouring Poppleton communities. Keeping the development within the existing ward structure would help ensure that residents continue to be represented alongside communities with similar concerns and priorities.

Relationship with Surrounding Areas

Langley Gate is located adjacent to Poppleton and forms part of the transition between York and the surrounding rural settlements. Its physical location and community connections appear more consistent with Poppleton than with West Acomb.

Resident Expectations

Many people chose to purchase homes in Langley Gate because of its association with Poppleton. The proposed boundary change would alter the administrative identity of the area despite no corresponding change in the community's character, location or local connections.

Electoral Balance

I recognise that achieving fair representation across wards is an important objective. However, I understand that retaining Langley Gate within its current ward would not create a substantial imbalance in elector numbers. In these circumstances, maintaining established community links should be given significant weight.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I believe Langley Gate should remain within the existing Poppleton ward arrangements. The proposal does not appear to reflect the community identity of the area and would offer little benefit to local residents.

Thank you for taking my comments into account.

Attached Documents:

None attached