

# York

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## Comment text:

I wish to object to the proposal to transfer the Langley Gate development from the current Poppleton ward arrangements to West Acomb.

Although I am not a resident of Langley Gate myself, close family members live there and I have become familiar with the area and its relationship with the surrounding community.

### Community Identity

From my observations, Langley Gate is closely connected to the wider Poppleton area. Residents make use of facilities, services and amenities associated with Poppleton and generally appear to identify more strongly with Poppleton than with Acomb. The proposed boundary change would not, in my view, accurately reflect these existing community connections.

### Local Relationships and Day-to-Day Links

Langley Gate residents have established links with schools, community groups, local businesses and services connected with Poppleton. These practical day-to-day relationships are important considerations when determining ward boundaries and should be given appropriate weight.

### Lack of Clear Benefit

I understand that electoral reviews seek to achieve fair representation across wards. However, I have not seen convincing evidence that moving Langley Gate into West Acomb would provide meaningful benefits to residents or improve local governance. Any disruption to established community arrangements should be supported by a clear justification.

#### Character of the Area

Although Langley Gate is a modern development, its location on the western edge of York and its relationship with neighbouring communities give it a stronger association with Poppleton than with the more urban character of Acomb. The proposed change does not appear to reflect this distinction.

#### Balancing Electoral Equality and Community Identity

Electoral equality is clearly an important objective. However, boundary reviews should also reflect local identities and community interests. In this case, I believe the community connections associated with Poppleton outweigh the arguments for transferring Langley Gate to West Acomb.

#### Conclusion

For these reasons, I believe Langley Gate should remain within its current ward arrangements. The proposal does not appear to reflect the community identity of the area and would not improve effective local representation.

Thank you for considering my comments.

### **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*