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Comment text:

I am writing to object to the proposed ward boundary change that would move properties along Boroughbridge Road from Rural West York into Acomb West.

This proposal does not reflect the genuine community identity or day-to-day realities of this area.

Properties along this stretch of Boroughbridge Road are closely aligned with Rural West York. Residents here rely on services, transport links, shops, and community networks that are firmly associated with Rural West York rather than Acomb West. Our sense of place, local engagement, and day-to-day activity are clearly rooted in Rural West York.

The proposed change would place us into a ward with which we have very limited practical or social connection. This risks weakening effective representation, as the issues and priorities affecting residents here differ from those in Acomb West.

Importantly, I am not alone in this view. A number of neighbouring residents along Boroughbridge Road share these concerns and are also submitting objections. This demonstrates that the proposal risks dividing a coherent and well-established local community, rather than reflecting it.

In addition, the proposed boundary does not appear to follow clear or recognisable physical features along Boroughbridge Road, which may create confusion and represents an illogical division of what is currently a continuous and connected area.

I am also concerned about the wider real-world impacts of this change. Reclassification into Acomb West — which has different perceived and recorded crime characteristics — could lead to increased insurance costs for residents. While I understand this may not be a primary factor in boundary decisions, it further illustrates that the proposed change does not accurately reflect the character of this locality and could negatively affect those living here.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Commission to retain Boroughbridge Road within Rural West York, where it more naturally belongs.

Attached Documents:

None attached