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Related subject: Poppleton ward

I object to the proposed ward boundary shift. Langley gate is a new community that is peripheral to the Poppleton community. As a new estate, we have been going to Poppleton accessing local amenities, building local ties and assimilating to a well established community. The proposed boundary splits an established village and our new housing estate into two separate wards, which makes us feel like we need to start all over again to feel like being part of a community.

The boundary change will group our area with a a ward (Acomb west) that has completely different socioeconomic needs or priorities, making effective local representation difficult. For example, Langley Gate has unadopted roads and public areas whereas areas in Acomb West generally do not. We feel like our area is more consistent with a Rural West York area where representatives are more aware of the kind of issues we might face.

We will also be placed in a ward that forces us past our natural community centers (e.g., local shops, GP surgeries, community centers) to engage with council services or representatives. The school catchment would then be in Acomb when in fact our community is just next to Manor School.

The ward change also fails to account for growth and will create an issue with electoral inequity. The proposed British Sugar site where 1000 houses are proposed will be split in 2 wards for example, phase 1-9 of the development will be under Acomb West and Phase 10 of that development will be under Rural. This is splitting one development into 2 wards, and there was failure to account for the development proposed

next to Muddy Boots Nursery.

The ward change also is flawed in terms of geography and accessibility. Part of the Langley gate residents live in Millfield lane and can only access their houses through Poppleton due to the presence of a bus gate when accessing from A64. When the ward change will happen, and there will be issues on access, residents living in Millfield lane will raise it to a councillor from Acomb West, when in fact the area in question is in Poppleton. This can cause delays in resolving issues as two councillors will need to be involved.

Overall, the ward change sums up a lot of disbenefits to our community and we feel that it is not necessary and should be reviewed that we should remain as part of Rural West York.

Attached Documents:

None attached