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Related subject: Rural West York boundary changes (removal of properties currently in Upper Poppleton and Rufforth with Knapton parishes to Acomb West ward)

Dear Commissioners

I am writing to object to the proposal to remove properties, including my own, from the ward of Rural West York.

My property has been part of the parish of Upper Poppleton since 1909. In September 2026 I will have owned and lived in that property for fifty years. The village amenities of Poppleton - church, chapel, school, library, GP surgery, pharmacy, local shops - are all within easy walking distance, as is the Poppleton Community Centre where public meetings may be held. Any future residents in this property would naturally be part of that community, which is very well represented by the local councillors. There are no such links to the community of Acomb West ward.

My understanding is that the Commissioners are considering boundary changes to balance the numbers of electors in the different wards. We have been told that the proposed changes would in fact leave Rural West York with a smaller pool of electors than the average - by around 10%. If that is correct, surely there is no need to change the boundaries?

Residents are much more likely to be actively involved in political decisions if they have strong links with their local community. Our community is Upper Poppleton and we wish to remain part of Rural West York - please support us.

Attached Documents:

None attached