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Comment text:

I am a local resident and elector writing about the lgbce's proposed boundary that currently runs down the middle of front street. I have raised other points already.

Roads are definitely visible and clear gaps, but this particular road is the central heart of acomb and the centre of the historical village and conservation area and high street and community.

I acknowledge that there is no perfect place to draw a boundary but I would like to propose a small improvement for cohesion.

This change also represents a small improvement to the 2031 population variance so I think it is win-win.

I have drawn the lgbce's boundaries on the attached picture in leopard black. The red line is the historical village conservation area boundary and the purple spots are all of the premises licences from local council data.

This month the biggest festival ever in acomb took place and on the map for the event there are eighteen locations that are venues which I have marked as yellow spots and the chartreuse green spots are other locations marked on their map. This makes it very easy to see the cultural and community heart.

The spots show the business district high street area and how it continues down the main road to holgate but also all the residential areas that

don't have shops or cafes that just use front street.

Keeping these businesses together might be easier for groups that work with all of them such as acomb alive and it might be less confusing for the businesses when they talk.

The blue lines are my suggestion because the light blue is the very established back boundary of the houses of lowfields drive and green lane including facing the morrison's car park and facing the library field and car park and the dark blue is the back of beaconsfield street which faces a car park used for front street businesses.

This is a simplified and sensible version of the conservation area boundary and what it means is that every property with a front street address or a property that can only be accessed from front street is in the same ward.

Gale farm court is independent living housing that faces gale lane and my suggestion is it is the only part of the conservation area that isn't on the same side of the boundary so the change would be about 110 residences that are mostly single person older people properties. I think that means it's moving about 150 electors from your current +6% ward to your current -5% ward which might be about +4% and -3% afterwards.

The wards and boundary that you have proposed is acceptable because acomb is too big but I believe this is a better boundary for the following reasons.

- It is better for electoral equality as the number of electors is more equal compared to your draft.
- It is better for reflecting the identity and interests of local communities as it keeps the mostly commercial buildings together and separate from most of the terraces and semi detached houses compared to your draft.
- The boundaries are not visible from the main road, but they are strong and easily identifiable. They are very visible from above, due to the many years they have been clear and because they are a straight line. They are very clear to people looking at addresses or posting things because anything front street accessed is in the same ward.
- The issues are very similar with shared business interests and on street parking challenges and shared bus stops for shared buses and also benches and churches shared.

I think this small change would make the proposals to change our area a bit better and the change is small but has no drawbacks. Thank you.

Attached Documents:

- front_street_conservation_licence_acomb_fest_0.png

