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To whom it may concern

I am writing as Mayor of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council in respect of the proposals proposed by Derbyshire County Council for the County Council Divisions of Greater Heanor and Heanor Central.

Unfortunately, due to illness the Town Council is unable to formally respond to the consultation with the time frame required. Given the concern about the proposals suggested by Derbyshire County Council by colleagues I have, therefore, taken upon myself, to formulate a response

I fully support the retention of single member wards for the two Divisions covering Heanor and Loscoe

However, I disagree with the retention of the two Divisions covering Heanor and Loscoe Town Council area on their current boundaries.

Heanor and Loscoe is within the Borough Council of Amber Valley and a recent boundary review implemented for the 2023 Local elections and used, one assumes, as the building block for the County Council Divisions made significant changes to the Borough Ward boundaries for the area in relation to Heanor and Loscoe area based upon the similar population projections you are using

Historically the areas of Aldercar , Codnor ,Heanor, Langley Mill and Loscoe were part of Heanor Urban District Council and so were a specific

community until the 1972 local Government Act which abolished the Urban District.

The attached map shows the extent of the Urban District Boundary

The second map, clearly shows that there was no relationship electorally between 1894 -1974 with Heanor Urban District and Shipley and certainly not Mapperley during that time as the border stopped at the current borders of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council. Indeed the relationship with Shipley and Mapperley only came about with the electoral changes for the County Council in 2005. Previous to that the electoral Division sat within the old Urban District Boundaries

On this basis I would suggest that boundaries for the two County Council Divisions be as follows

Combining the Borough Council wards of Heanor East and Heanor West to form a new Heanor Division. Which is an historic return to the pre 2005 electoral boundaries for the Division

The second Division should be based upon the Borough Wards of Codnor, Aldercar and Langley Mill and Loscoe Wards to form a new Codnor, Langley Mill and Loscoe Division. This would almost reflect the old Loscoe Division of Derbyshire County Council which existed prior to 2005 and combined Aldercar, Langley Mill and Loscoe

This would result in all the communities being co terminus supporting an existing relationship between the communities , with connected major public transport and the Parish Councils being adjacent to each other to reinforce that feeling of a shared community. They are also urban areas with defined shopping areas etc unlike the rural nature of both Shipley and Mapperley.

The retention of Mapperley in any proposal for the Divisions covering Heanor and Loscoe is a nonsense as there is no direct link by road or public transport wise , no community affinity with an area due to its rural nature . I have experienced this first hand as the former County Councillor for Greater Heanor I found it difficult to relate to the issues brought up when attending the Parish meetings in Shipley and Mapperley. There is no direct route to Mapperley as the access through Shipley Country Park has been closed for a good many years and to get there you have to either drive through Erewash Borough Council area via Ilkeston or through Amber Valley Borough Ward of Smalley, Shipley and Horsley Woodhouse as there is no direct link with Heanor.

Attached Documents:

- hudc 1.png
- HUDC 2.png



