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Dear Review Officer (North Yorkshire),
Please find attached Azerley Parish Councils response to the review which the Council would appreciate your consideration.

Attached Documents:

- boundary-commission-response.docx

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Boundary Commission – North Yorkshire Consultation

Azerley Parish Council (which includes the villages of Galphay, Mickley & Winksley) would like to raise the following concerns in respect of the proposed boundary changes:

Failure to reflect local communities and their identities.

The proposed changes would create some very large areas and the new boundaries would adversely affect the representation of local communities and totally alter their identity.

Lack of publicity and public awareness of the implications of such changes.

The local North Yorkshire Councillor for this area, in her last report to the Parish Council, dated 28.11.2024, was unsure if the consultation was open to the public. She had not received a map of the proposed changes to be able to distribute, nor was she able to provide a date when the consultation closed.

Request for wider publicity, distribution of information and an extension of the closing date.

At the Parish Council held on 5th December 2024, Councillors expressed their concerns over these matters and requested that the Boundary Commission consider extending the closing date to the consultation to allow a wider publicity campaign with greater distribution of maps and information explaining exactly what the proposals will mean for local communities.