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Comment text:

I object strongly to the removal of N & S Wheatley from Sturton Ward for reasons in attached file.

Attached Documents:

- suggested-pc-response-to-proposed-boundary-changes.docx

Suggested PC response to proposed Boundary changes

North and South Wheatley Parish Council is very concerned about the proposal to move the Parish of North & South Wheatley to Clayworth ward from Sturton Ward.

In terms of the physical geography, the other villages in the proposed ward, namely Clayworth, Hayton, Wiseton, Clarborough and Welham are separated from Wheatley by the 'ridge'. Those villages have a similar feel and have a relationship via the Chesterfield Canal. North & South Wheatley are much more similar to Sturton-le Steeple and North and South Leverton and lies on the same road.

Socially, Nth & Sth Wheatley has strong links within its current ward, particularly with Sturton le Steeple and North Leverton. For example the Clays Gardening Club, has a combined "Open Gardens" event with Sturton. Clays Cloggers, a walking group, has members in both villages. The Wheatley and Leverton Cricket Club and the new Leverton Ladies Rounders Club which is training, recruiting members and playing matches in Wheatley, illustrate these historic social links within communities in the current Ward, which may be affected by a change.

There has been very good collaboration and communication between the Parish Councils within Sturton Ward - with Sturton le Steeple in particular - in recent consultations about the STEP project, the National Grid changes and Solar farm developments. One of the Solar projects covers agricultural land located equidistantly between Sturton and South Wheatley and will be seen by residents of South Wheatley. Having acknowledged this, Sturton PC would be prepared to cooperate on joint initiatives, using any CIL money which would be awarded as a result – for the benefit of both parishes.

The proposed STEP project will have a massive effect on local people. Nth & Sth Wheatley is located just 3km from the West Burton power station site and will be impacted by this development. Nth & Sth Wheatley Parish Council needs to maintain a strong voice in the consultation around this project on behalf of residents and this will undoubtedly be lost if it is no longer in the same ward as the site.

The movement of Nth & Sth Wheatley into a different ward, separated from parishes with similar concerns and facing upcoming significant change (both positive and negative) will adversely affect the democratic voice of the community.