

# Bassetlaw

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Sturton Ward

I am very concerned about the proposal of the boundary commission to move Nth & Sth Wheatley from Sturton ward into Clayworth ward. It would adversely affect our village for a number of reasons.

- 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. Including many clubs and societies which all have members from a mix of the villages, this illustrates 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.
- 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 residents need to maintain a strong voice in the consultation around this project 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.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*