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Related subject: Grove

For the council to vote on this report on the evening of Thursday 25th April, and then expect the public to become aware, digest and then comment on it by Sunday 28th is disappointing . It seems to make a mockery of the role of the public consultation and reinforces in people's minds that these exercises are no more than a token gesture towards an ailing democratic system.

The villages of Headon cum Upton, Grove and Stokeham have been formed into a cohesive group for many years. The village hall at Headon has been the sole hub for all the villages both socially and administratively. Because of this a close relationship has developed between residents of the villages.

The hall is run by an enthusiastic team of volunteers, who arrange a whole range of social events which are enjoyed by the residents of all the joined villages.

The parish council, made up of councillors from all the villages have always met at this venue, and continue to use it for their public events.

To separate our close communities from each other and disperse them to join other larger and distant communities, where inevitably, they will become unimportant nonentities, seems to be an unnecessary and unwanted interference. Grove tagged onto a large extended Leverton ward, along with two defunct giant power stations, would soon lose it's identity and quality of representation. Even in it's present form the people of Grove feel neglected and under valued by BDC and I can only see this relationship becoming more distant.

Due to the total lack of authority funded facilities, all the villages in our small group are classified as unsustainable. We only have each other. So I

would suggest that the district council do what they have always done and leave us to our own devices.

Attached Documents:

None attached