

# North Yorkshire

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## Comment text:

As a member of the Working Group established by North Yorkshire Council to review the new electoral arrangements for North Yorkshire Council I would like submit my comments on the draft recommendations proposed by the LGBCE. There are some areas where I expressed my views to the working group and would like to draw attention now as the Commission reaches its conclusions. I will refer to them area by area for clarity..

### RICHMOND AND NORTHALLERTON

The proposed Divisions to the town of Richmond and the surrounding areas proposed originally by the working group are not the best for the links or electoral equality. I submitted some alternative arrangements to the working group at the time and these are very close to the draft recommendations put forward by the Commission. For clarity I am referring to your North Richmondshire, Richmond, Brompton and Scorton and Hipswell and Colburn divisions which I support. Regarding the name for the Brompton and Scorton division there is a possibility this could be confused with the Northallerton North and Brompton division so Brompton on Swale and Scorton would be better. I support the proposed Hutton Rudby and Appleton Wiske division. I do not support the transfer of the Bilsdale Midcable parish to the new Helmsley and Ampleforth division I believe the Community links with Great Ayton are stronger.

### SKIPTON AND RIPON

The concern I had at the working group was centered around the Wharfedale and Nidderdale divisions. This wasn't an easy one to resolve because of the size of the area and the sparsley populated parishes in some of them. I submitted alternatives to the working group and these are

very similar to the divisions now proposed by the Commission so I support them. I also strongly support the Commissions proposals for the divisions in and around the City of Ripon which reflect community identities better than the proposals submitted in the name of the working group. The redevelopment of the Ministry of Defence sites in Clothierholme, with 1300 likely new homes will significantly contribute to the City of Ripon over the next decade. It would not make any sense to transfer those homes into the Masham and Founrains division when the area is so clearly an important part of Ripon. People moving into those new homes will clearly use services in the City as they move in.

## HARROGATE AND KNARESBOROUGH

My main concern was the proposed arrangements for Knaresborough and surrounding villages. I support the Commissions proposals for the main urban areas in Knaresborough because of the strong community links and the working group has now considered a revised warding arrangement for the villages around Knaresborough that had merit and I can support. The warding arrangements in the town of Harrogate had general support and I would have preferred the divisions within the town to be in line with the boundaries of the new Town Council. I do take the Commissions point about boundary clarity but perhaps the best solution would be a review of the official split between the parish of Killinghall and the town of Harrogate. I would also suggest the name Saltergate would better than the proposed Jennyfield to reflect the different communities in that growing area.

## THIRSK AND MALTON

The proposal for the Pickering division does contradict the Comissions own rules on warding arrangements and could lead to electoral equality issues for North Yorkshire generally earlier than preferred. The proposals for Malton and Norton are again not ideal but do get round a complex division between the two.

These were my main differences with the proposals put forward by the working group and I was struck by the general agreement between the submissions particularly in the Scarborough and Whitby divisions and the Selby divisions.

Kind Regards,

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## Attached Documents:

*None attached*