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Comment text:

I object to the proposal to include Hetton, Rylstone and Cracoe in Mid Craven division. I prefer that these three parishes remain within Wharfedale.

The assertion on Page 27 Para 110 of the April 25 Draft: 'We are satisfied that it reflects community identities, noting that the some of the smaller parishes share reasonable road and community links with the more populous settlements along the A65, such as Gargrave, Hellifield and Long Preston.' is just plain wrong and demonstrates an ignorance of the links towards Threshfield, Grassington and Upper Wharfedale.

Firstly the Gatecliffe Brow road from Hetton to Gargrave is an awful twisty single track with blind corners and too few passing places that I avoid unless I really have to use it. In contrast the B6265 Skipton to Grassington bears the No 72 Bus through Rylstone, Cracoe and Hetton that I use to go to Skipton or Grassington. The B6265 is a busy double track route throughout.

I attend the Grassington GP Practice, sing with Grassington Singers, am a regular attender and performer at the Devonshire Institute Grassington, and look to Grassington and Threshfield for fuel and local shopping. Burnsall, Linton, Grassington and Upper Wharfedale are where I go to eat out and have a drink locally. An annual visit to the Gargrave Show and occasional drives West to the A65 are the only times I venture to Gargrave and Mid Craven.

I watch cricket at Flosers in Cracoe who are in the Wharfedale League, Primary and secondary schools and the Young Farmers are all linked to Wharfedale. The Rylstone church, St Peters is part of the ministry that includes Linton, Hebden, Grassington in Wharfedale, and the Women's Institute links towards Wharfedale.

Not one community link towards Mid Craven was provided in the draft. Mid Craven is shorter on numbers than Wharfedale, but an arithmetical convenience is no reason to annex three parishes away from their natural home.

Attached Documents:

None attached