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Related subject: Pateley Bridge and Nidderdale division

I am very surprised that the commission has opted to combine parts of Wharfedale and Nidderdale into a single division. The two dales and separated by miles of moorland and the distances involved for any councillor representing the proposed division would present a severe challenge.

You will be aware that the parish councils in the existing division of Pateley Bridge have all made representations to the commission in support of maintaining Nidderdale as a distinct entity. This fits in with the history of the area, but perhaps more importantly the social cement which binds the communities of Nidderdale together. There are numerous organisations which work throughout the dale.

Administratively, the new division proposed includes both parts of the Nidderdale National Landscape and the Yorkshire Dales National Park, which would provide further problems for its elected representative.

All in all, it will serve the residents of Pateley Bridge and Nidderdale very poorly if the current proposal is upheld after the extra period of consultation.

Attached Documents:

None attached