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Related subject: Skipton West and West Craven/Skipton Town Council

Firstly I fully welcome your proposals for Skipton West and West Craven Ward. I welcome the retention of Carleton in Craven village in this ward, a view echoed by others including the Parish Council.

I have no problem with the villages of Thornton in Craven, Elslack, Broughton and Martons Both being moved into the Mid Craven Ward. They are much more suited to Mid Craven, a view echoed by Thornton Parish Council.

I am still questioning the logic behind the allocation of seats/Cllrs on Skipton Town Council, however. You have allocated 6 Cllrs to Skipton West Ward and reduced Skipton South to 2. Skipton South has not reduced in population over the years, nor has Skipton West increased by much, certainly not enough to justify the Ward gaining two more councillors at the expense of Skipton South. Skipton West has increased by about 300 dwellings, Skipton East Ward by considerably more. If anything Skipton east ward should gain one at the expense of Skipton South, rather than Skipton West gaining two.

The current proposal will mean Skipton West Ward will be very over-represented, and Skipton South will be very under-represented. Six councillors in a ward will cause an imbalance on Skipton Town Council in my opinion.

Attached Documents:

None attached