

# North Yorkshire

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## Comment text:

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find attached my submission to the LGBCE Review on the further draft of the electoral arrangements for North Yorkshire Council.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Jones

## Attached Documents:

- nyc-boundary-review-submission-2 [REDACTED]

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13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Further Consultation on the Draft Electoral Arrangements for North Yorkshire Council**

I saw that the LGBCE is conducting a further consultation on 24 divisions in North Yorkshire and that within that parameter I represented some of the area at parliamentary and local council level. I responded to the first consultation as the Member of Parliament for Harrogate and Knaresborough from 2010 to 2024 and prior to that having served two terms as a councillor on Harrogate Borough Council representing the High Harrogate ward and serving as Cabinet Member for Resources handling issues across the whole Borough.

This letter is to respond to your further consultation using the knowledge and experience from that representation, and will comment on the individual divisions in turn:

**Killinghall and Scotton** – The LGBCE has not made significant changes to this division, apart from changing its name. The new name is much better than the old proposal and reflects very positive changes to the whole of Nidderdale and Wharfedale. I draw the Review's attention to my submission to the first consultation, but recognise their challenges and within the overall revised proposal there are significant improvements. I support the inclusion of Copgrove, Staveley and Walkingham with Occaney within this division because these communities look to Knaresborough for their services and have barely any community links with the Hammerton and Ouseburn area.

**Pannal and Washburn** – The creation of this division is very positive and I support it. Thank you to the LGBCE Team for listening and taking this action. The reasons why I am sure it is such an improvement I detailed in my response to the first consultation, but I would add that Pannal and Washburn will be easily recognised and supported by residents due to their community links and past electoral arrangements. I also support the name of the division.

**Lower Nidderdale** – I support the revised proposal for Lower Nidderdale. The issues facing the lower valleys in the Dales are not the same as the upper valleys. This is especially true in Nidderdale. The

lower valley in Nidderdale has a different employment mix to upper Nidderdale and school catchment areas for the east of the division where the majority of residents live look to Harrogate and Knaresborough. Past electoral arrangements have recognised this and so these arrangements will be familiar to residents.

**Upper Wharfedale and Upper Nidderdale** – I have knowledge of Wharfedale from having been born and brought up there and knowledge of Nidderdale from having had local council cabinet responsibilities for it, so comment from personal and representative perspectives. I support the revised proposal because it links areas which are extremely similar. That similarity is in community issues and the challenge of economic viability in upland North Yorkshire and indeed it is a challenge for upland areas across the country.

**Boroughbridge** – Boroughbridge formed part of the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency for all the time of my representation. I therefore know the area and its issues well. I support the LGBCE proposal.

I recognise that creating a set of electoral arrangements is far from easy but, in this revised set of proposals for the divisions I have knowledge of, the LGBCE has made significant changes. They are changes which much improve the situation and fulfil the objectives of the Review for community and identity based boundaries.

Yours sincerely,

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