

# North Yorkshire

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## Comment text:

Boundary Commission Letter

Dear Boundary Commissioners

We the Upper Nidderdale Parish Council wish to declare our objections to the proposed boundary changes for our North Yorkshire Council Ward where you propose to split the existing Nidderdale Ward and put Upper Nidderdale with Upper Wharfedale. This we feel will not a good thing because these are two separate areas divided by a line of hills and always had their own separate identity.

As there is only one road between them this means difficulty in travel for the councillor(far easier to travel up and down dale than between dales in bad weather)

As there is only two dales are in different management areas, Wharfedale is Yorkshire Dale National Park and Nidderdale is a Natural Landscape this could lead to conflicts of interest and unconscious bias depending on which side of the hill the councillor is from, especially in planning and management issues( ie if a planning decision is for something in one or other upper dale then the councillor is going to side with which ever side he's from).

Nidderdale has no real historic connections with Wharfedale ( even the geology is different) but in the past most of Upper Nidderdale was owned by Fountains and Byland Abbeys to the east, whereas most of Wharfedale belonged to Bolton abbey.

We as the people of Upper Nidderdale feel very proud of our history and community and feel to join with Upper Wharfedale will lead to a watering down of this as upper Wharfedale is a far bigger area with different needs.

Also from a practical point a councillor, for the area as is now, is more likely to have to deal with issues in the upper and lower dale than between the upper dales so where one coucillor could sort it out under your proposal you would need to two.

We think that the councillor in charge needs to be able to look at the social, economic and administrative ends of the Dale as a whole

Yours Sincerely  
Richard Harker  
for Upper Nidderdale Parish Council

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*