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## Comment text:

Dear Sir/Madam

To improve electoral equality and better reflect the identity, interests and issues of the local community, the following minor amendments to the north-west boundary of the Fulford & Heslington ward are proposed:

1. Extend the ward boundary westward along Heslington Lane (West) to include the following properties: 1 & 2 Barn Grove, Hesketh Almshouses (6 dwellings) and Dalham House.
2. Extend the boundary south of Heslington Lane (West) to include the following residential properties:, Sycamore Cottage, Eden Court, Spring Barn Cottage, Spring Barn, Cherry Tree Cottages, Peel Close and Turner's Croft.
3. Include Heslington Church (St Paul's) Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) within the Fulford & Heslington ward.

### Rationale

The current boundary arbitrarily divides the cohesive Heslington village community, placing part of the village in an adjacent ward. The proposed changes would ensure that the village is contained within a single ward and represented by the same councillor.

Heslington Village has a well-established and recognised social, historical, and geographical identity. Residents of the proposed inclusion areas use the same Parish Council, attend the same village events and share access to the same amenities, including the Heslington Village Post Office, Village Hall, conservation area and St Paul's Church.

A boundary aligned with a clear and recognised residential settlement is more logical, intelligible, and administratively efficient than one that bisects a village. It also reduces confusion for residents regarding ward boundaries and elected representation.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*