

## Rushcliffe Borough Council

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Organisation Name: None

### Comment text:

I write to object to the proposal to include the village of Scarrington where I live in the electoral division of Bingham North for the reasons I set out below. Any defined electoral division is a balance between the equality of numbers of electors within it as compared with other divisions and the affinity of interests within the division. I believe the present proposals sacrifice the second principle to the desire to gather an appropriate figure under the first and will leave Scarrington voters agglomerated with a large population with whom they have little or no affinity and separated from a distinct local community with whom they have such affinities and common interests. Scarrington already suffers from the division of interests as the result of being for local government purposes within Rushcliffe Borough whilst being represented in parliament by the Member for Newark. There are repeated conflicts of interest arising from this unfortunate dichotomy and the resolution is always in favour of the urbanised Newark majority with scant regard for the differently nuanced needs of rural areas like Scarrington. If the current local authority boundary changes were made Scarrington's interests would be further prejudiced by lack of appropriate representation. There is little if any affinity between the new area of North Bingham and Scarrington's natural neighbours who are the villages within the Cranmer Group of Parishes. The members of the local Church of England congregations share services monthly. Only one of the six churches has a weekly service and the others have a monthly service and if their church does not have a service on a particular Sunday they worship (and socialise afterwards) at whichever of the other villages has a service or at Aslockton which has a weekly service as the largest of the six parishes. Additionally a number of local organisations cover Scarrington jointly with other villages, including the Local History Society, the Women's Institute and charitable organisations such as the Scarrington Friends of Cancer UK. Scarrington now has no village hall and so joins in events at the Thomas Cranmer Centre in Aslockton a new purpose built facility serving the area generally. The removal of Scarrington from the planned Bingham North division would not significantly affect the number of electors within Bingham North or Cranmer. The most recent electoral roll held by Bingham Library shows 120 voters in Scarrington so on the projected figures in the consultation the numbers in Bingham North would fall from 4992 to 4872 - a fall of 2.4% - and the number in Cranmer would rise from 2,670 to 2790 or 4.5%. I hope therefore you will feel able to take these two important points into consideration and bring about this small variation in the current proposal to move the village of Scarrington from the proposed Bingham North Division to the Cranmer Division.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded