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to create a divide within our village is morally wrong. many people have spent years establishing ONE community, to allow all residents regardless of financial status a fair say and support as a community. This boundary shift places an area of less wealth along side 2 villages of better financial placement, neither of these villages have Social Housing, Anti Social Behaviour issues and any other issues we currently deal with, neither villages have a school, shops or a food bank. By placing a less well off section along side 2 wealthier areas there will undoubtedly be a definite impact on Local Authority funding, taking away opportunities from those who deserve the most help. Leave our boundary as it is and allow our community to strive under one county councillor, not divided with 2 county councillors, one of whom will neither know the area, its history or the residents living here. Many residents , especially those who have lived here for many years do not want this divide to happen, others simply do not understand why? At the last boundary change you removed Stobswood from our ward area, what a shambles that has been, the elected County Councillor having no interest or time or input into any of the issues the area faced especially during the Ancient Woodland situation. Again this was tackled as a community, relying on the advice and assistance of the elected county councillor, who although not responsible ensured he was there to listen to concerns raised. Residents with any issues can attend surgeries held by the county councillor to raise concerns , seek advice and generally have their voices heard. By altering the boundary you will remove this and given today's need for help you will deny an entire section of the community this service, but allow those on the other side of the railway line to carry on receiving it. Morally wrong, unfair and completely impractical.

Attached Documents:

None attached