

Kirklees

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Dear Sirs

After careful consideration, it has become evident that maintaining the current boundaries of the Dewsbury East Ward polling District DE07 is imperative for safeguarding the cohesion, identity, and resources of the communities within the ward.

First and foremost, the proposed division of DE07 using the main Huddersfield train line fails to recognise the deeply rooted connections and shared identity of the residents in areas such as Ashworth Estate, Northfield, Hope Street, and Eightlands. These neighbourhoods have evolved over time, forming strong bonds based on shared history, culture, and collective experiences. Any attempt to sever these ties by reallocating them to different wards would undermine the sense of belonging and community spirit that these residents cherish.

Furthermore, the proposal to divide DE07 using the main Huddersfield train line disregards the robust transportation links between this polling district and the town centre. The presence of vital arteries like Halifax Road A638 and Bradford Road A652 establishes strong connectivity between DE07 and the heart of Dewsbury, facilitating easy access to essential amenities, markets, and services. Additionally, reliable public transportation further strengthens these links, ensuring seamless mobility for residents between DE07 and the town centre.

Moreover, essential community resources and institutions, such as the new under construction Dewsbury Police Station and the recently constructed Fire Station, are integral parts of the town centre "area." Including them in the same ward as DE07 aligns with the cohesive nature of the town centre and acknowledges their strategic significance in serving not only the immediate vicinity but also the broader Dewsbury East community. Placing these facilities within the same ward ensures cohesive governance and resource allocation, benefiting residents across DE07.

The proposed boundary adjustments overlook the significance of essential community resources and institutions. For instance, designating the new Dewsbury Police Station and the recently constructed Fire Station to Batley East ward disregards their strategic importance in serving the Dewsbury East community. These facilities not only provide vital emergency services but also contribute to the overall safety and well-being of DE07 residents. Similarly, institutions like Kirklees College and local schools play a pivotal role in shaping the educational landscape of the area, catering to the diverse needs and aspirations of Dewsbury East residents. Disrupting their ward designation could disrupt the stability and funding allocations crucial for their effective functioning.

Furthermore, dividing Dewsbury train station into two wards, DE06 and DW02, presents logistical challenges and serves no discernible purpose in terms of governance or service delivery. It would only introduce unnecessary complexities and administrative burdens without offering any tangible benefits to the community. Dewsbury train station would be divided between Dewsbury East and West wards in the boundary commission's draft proposal. We oppose this and we would move not divide Dewsbury train station and keep it within the same ward.

Preserving the integrity of Dewsbury East Ward is not just about maintaining geographical boundaries; it is about safeguarding the collective identity, heritage, and sense of belonging of its residents. The proposed boundary adjustments fail to acknowledge the intricate web of social, cultural, and economic connections that underpin the fabric of DE07. These connections extend beyond physical boundaries and encompass shared values, traditions, and aspirations that bind the community together.

Additionally, Dewsbury East Ward is intricately linked to the broader Dewsbury town centre, with vital arteries like Halifax Road A638 and Bradford Road A652 serving as lifelines for residents to access essential amenities, markets, and services. Any disruption to these transportation routes could have far-reaching implications for the economic vitality and social cohesion of the entire area.

In conclusion, maintaining the existing boundaries of Dewsbury East Ward is essential for preserving community cohesion, protecting vital resources, and upholding the collective identity of its residents. By respecting the unique heritage, needs, and aspirations of DE07 communities, we can ensure continued growth, prosperity, and inclusivity for all residents now and in the future.

We ask that the above is taken into consideration and no change be made to the Dewsbury East Ward.

Regards

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Cllr Eric Firth
Cllr Paul Moore

Attached Documents:

None attached