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wards or one single
member ward and one
two-member ward.

Kegworth Two wards which do split the village of Kegworth, but
the boundary is generally well understood (A6) and
each ward is linked to significant villages which do
not have any natural connections.

Two single member
wards.

Measham Two wards, coterminous with the parish boundaries
and no natural boundary between the two wards.

One two-member ward.

Coalville

Town

Centre6

The Coalville Town Centre area is split into three
single member wards: Coalville has largely clear

natural boundaries between the A511 and railway line, the two Snibston wards much less so with Snibston North 'wrapping around' Snibston South. The Avenue Road estate should remain in one ward, being one community of tenants and residents.

One single member ward
and one two-member ward.

Coalville

Warren Hills

We have included four proposed wards in this analysis – Bardon, Broom Leys, Castle Rock and Greenhill. Few of the boundaries between the four wards follow significant natural boundaries, the least clear are between Broom Leys and Bardon, and between Castle Rock and Greenhill. Two two member wards would be an option.

Retain as four single member wards or two two-member wards.

Ibstock &

Ellistown

The two Ellistown wards divide the village in half without any natural boundary and seem like a strong candidate for a two-member ward. Similarly, the two Ibstock wards divide Ibstock without utilising a natural boundary. Again, a strong candidate for a two-member ward.

Two two-member wards.

Whitwick &

Thringstone⁵

As discussed above, we have made use of a clear natural boundary between the proposed Whitwick North and Whitwick South wards. Consequently, we

would not propose any multi-member wards in this area.

Four single member wards.

Appleby & Forest⁴

As discussed above, there is a strong case for a two-member ward to avoid a boundary splitting Moira village without a natural boundary. Adding the Appleby & Oakthorpe ward to create a three-member ward is not justified because a clearly identified boundary exists and communities would be linked that have no natural connection.

One two-member ward and one single member ward.

Hugglescote The proposed boundary for Hugglescote St Marys is satisfactory as a single-member ward.

The proposed Hugglescote St Johns and Hugglescote Sence wards include a significant amount of development up to 2030 and beyond. The timing of the development is unclear in the different

One two-member ward and one single member ward.

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Area Analysis of District Council Proposals Recommendation areas. It is difficult to predict whether a natural boundary will exist to split the two wards.

Consequently, we believe a two-member ward is more appropriate.

In summary, we are recommending 26 single member wards and 6 two member wards. Options are provided for a further 3 two member wards. We see little justification for any three member wards.

3 Ashby de la Zouch

The six ward configuration included in the Ward Submission as defined by the six ward maps has considerable merit in terms of grouping communities together that are served by key roads and minimising change from the current arrangement.

However, we would propose an additional amendment to further improve the cohesiveness of communities - ensuring that the whole area off Spring Avenue and School Lane are in the same ward.

We would propose amending the names of two of the wards: Ashby Knights Chase to Ashby Money Hill and Ashby Blackfordby Annswell to Ashby Blackfordby. These names better reflect the areas they serve and are much more intuitive to understand where they represent.

Ashby de la Zouch Detail

1. Ashby Castle boundaries are unchanged.
2. The currently built area to the east of Smisby Road through to (but excluding) the new Money Hill development site is moved to Holywell ward. This includes the recently built Dairy Lane estate.
3. The area around North Street, Market Street, South Street and the leisure centre is moved to Willesley.
4. The area south of, and including, Winchester Way, is moved from Holywell ward to Ivanhoe ward.
5. The whole of Spring Avenue and School Lane and roads off are moved from Holywell to the new Ashby Blackfordby Annswell ward.
6. The new estates on the western side of Ivanhoe ward (Bishops Hall Road and roads off) are moved to Blackfordby, becoming Ashby Blackfordby Annswell with the addition of the Blackfordby parish ward.
7. The community of Boothorpe, which looks to Blackfordby as part of their community, has been included within this new Ashby Blackfordby Annswell ward, though it is not currently in the Ashby Parish.
8. The small section of Woodville remains outside the Ashby wards and is included in a new Ashby Woulds two member ward (see section 3 above).

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4 Appleby and The Forest

The proposal to create a three-member ward in this area is completely inconsistent with the approach taken elsewhere in the District. It is the only three-member ward proposed and it does not meet any of the reasonable criteria for creating multi-member wards – see section 5

below.

We would propose reverting to the original proposal (as described on p139 of the council report) which was to create one single member ward and one two member ward, but also including the small Woodville area. The crucial determinates of this view are:

- The boundary between the one and two member wards follows clearly identifiable features which link culturally similar areas. Creating a three-member ward links communities that are quite diverse and have no natural links and it covers a very large geographical area.
- Whilst having the same name, the communities of eastern and western Donisthorpe are culturally and geographically distinct.
- The two-member ward avoids the need to split the village of Moira in a very artificial way without any natural boundaries.

5 Whitwick & Thringstone

The Ward Submission proposals for Whitwick and Thringstone unnecessarily divides communities, further splits parishes across wards and makes little use of natural boundaries. The village of Thringstone is divided into two wards, splitting a distinct community and Swannington parish is combined with other parished areas as well as non-parished areas. Our proposals make greater use of natural boundaries, retain the integrity of Thringstone and create wards with more compact geographies. In summary, they make use of the Grace Dieu Brook as a natural boundary, creating a Whitwick North ward and a Whitwick South ward, as well as a ward based on Swannington and a ward based on Thringstone.

Whitwick North – the existing Holly Hayes ward and TBB polling district North and East of Grace Dieu Brook.

Whitwick South – the majority of the existing Hermitage ward and the remaining parts of the existing Holly Hayes ward not included in Whitwick North.

Thringstone Ward – the existing Thringstone ward plus a small section of the existing TBB polling district.

Swannington Ward – the parish of Swannington plus the existing TBA polling district and the remaining parts of the existing Hermitage ward.

We believe this arrangement when compared with the District Council's Ward Submission proposals retains greater community cohesion and makes greater use of natural boundaries.

Whitwick Detail

1. Whitwick North – the existing Holly Hayes ward and TBB polling district North and East of Grace Dieu Brook.

2. Whitwick South – the existing Hermitage ward, less Elsdon Close and a section of Thomas Road, plus both sides of North Street up to Grace Dieu brook and the section of Holly Hayes ward south and west of Grace Dieu brook.

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3. Thringstone Ward – the existing Thringstone ward plus the part of the existing TBB polling district between Talbot Street and Grace Dieu brook, largely consisting of Carter Dale.

4. Swannington Ward – the parish of Swannington plus the existing TBA polling district and the small section of the existing Hermitage Ward around Thomas Street described in 2 above.

6 Coalville

In general, we support the proposed warding arrangements for the Coalville Group contained in the Ward Submission. However, Wyggeston Road and the whole of Avenue Road and Broughton Street are part of one community of tenants and residents an estate, the majority of which is in the proposed Coalville ward. These would seem to fit better in the Coalville ward

Attached Documents:

None attached