

North East Lincolnshire

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Related subject: Ward names

I am a resident of Croft Baker ward which I believe should be retained in its current form or as close as possible to it, but be renamed Cleethorpes Central & Beacon Hill. The name of Croft Baker is historical and will be of some significance to residents who were born in the former Croft Baker maternity home which was in the ward on Mill Road but it is irrelevant today. I would also suggest affixing Cleethorpes to the front of Sidney Sussex and Haverstoe if this were necessary, as the ward names themselves are fine as they refer to open park spaces in those wards.

Beacon Hill refers to the area in the west of the ward - a large 1950s estate mostly council built in the west of the ward. This half of Croft Baker comprised a smaller Beacon Hill ward on the old Cleethorpes Borough Council until the merger with Grimsby to form NELC in 1996. Beacon Cemetery falls in this area, while Beacon Avenue runs east of said cemetery.

Your reports on other areas indicates the Commission have a preference towards naming wards by their geographical location, for those unfamiliar with areas. In which case, Cleethorpes North (Sidney Sussex) and Cleethorpes South (Haverstoe) would work just fine I am sure but the current names with Cleethorpes affixed to the start would be the best option in my view.

Other name changes I recommend:

South > Nunsthorpe, Grange and Bradley Park
East Marsh > East Marsh and Grant Thorold

Yarborough > Yarborough and Laceby Acres (or Yarborough and Little Coates)
Heneage > Heneage, Old Clee and Weelsby
Wolds > Healing, Laceby and Wolds

I would suggest that Freshney ward be also changed but given it is an undersized ward and areas will have to come in it's hard to say what I would call it. On current boundaries 'Great Coates, Wybers Wood and The Willows' might seem long but it represents the whole ward well. There is often confusion about the ward being named Freshney, as Freshney Place shopping centre is in West Marsh and a large stretch of the river is also in that ward.

Why I would also argue that 'South' is not a particularly relevant name is it is not even the southern most ward in the town of Grimsby or the current borough. "Nunsthorpe, Grange and Bradley Park" (does not necessarily have to be in that order, but this represents the main communities that comprise approximately 75% of the electorate in the current ward). There is a small new build estate which you can only access by driving into South ward to access: Gervase Holles Way & Cordeaux Drive from Park ward. I'd hope this can be moved into South for logical reasoning.

Many residents in the southern portion of East Marsh do not see themselves as part of that community as it has a bad reputation for a whole host of reasons and I would affix Grant Thorold to the end. The park of said name is well known across the town & there is signage in the area in reference to the Grant Thorold Traffic Calming Zone which has been there for as long as I can remember.

Heneage has been referred to as "Heneage, Old Clee and Weelsby" on local election literature from local councillors. It makes sense, as Heneage Road is nowhere close to the Old Clee section of the ward.

Yarborough as a name refers to Yarborough Road which runs through polling districts YA1, 2 and 3. The addition makes the southern half of the ward a bit more included.

In regards to Wolds, the majority of the electorate do not live in villages which one would consider as part of the Lincolnshire Wolds. Healing and Laceby make up at least 80% of the electors here.

There is also a small close called Boundary Farm Court which should be moved from Waltham ward to Scartho. I understand why it is in Waltham at present because of the fact they were built directly south of the boundary line but this needs addressing similarly to the Gervase Holles Way/Cordeaux Drive example I have given.

Attached Documents:

None attached