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Firstly, I feel that the Wolds Ward is far too big to be effective for the electorate. There are 2 wolds councillors - one you never see or hear from, and the second works his socks off. It is a huge ward, for one person, so this should stay and consider an additional councillor to support. Our wolds ward is Conservative led.

Secondly, I have been reading up about the NELC proposal, and have looked at possible options and considering the the suggestions from the boundary commission. I am aware that the conservative led council have not conducted any consultation with the electorate. They are not aware of thoughts, concerns or opinions. This is not unusual as they never ask, or when they do they do the opposite to what the residents say - for them a consultation is an exercise to ignore the electorate.

There seems to be power play and a bias towards their proposal that they voted to put forwards. This proposal removes the Freshney Ward, and will impact 3 of our 5 Independent Councillors who are doing an amazing job holding NELC and the conservative / lib dem party to account. The other 2 independents are Yarborough Ward. They are effective, proactive, listen to their electorate and ask difficult questions. They are holding NELC to account for every decision made, and putting forwards some very valid advice and concerns. There is no political gain for them and they have a wealth of knowledge between them. Since the last election, the Conservatives lost their majority and have done a deal with the Lib Dem contingent to get the majority. Everything that is queried and challenged by anyone is immediately dismissed. I feel that for NELC to recommend the Freshney Ward be removed is political and personal rather than for the best interest of the residents and the county. There is no consideration from our leading party for any resident of the area. There are alternative options for other wards to be logically merged, and which meet the criteria, but as these have conservative / lib dem councillors, this has been immediately ruled out. Whereas the Independents have put together a well thought out view based on consultation with their residents and community groups. For me, this demonstrates that we should be keeping our

Independent Councillors in the Yarborough and Freshney Wards, add I really hope that they can build their numbers as I would love an independent councillor in my ward! I have had far more information and support from these 5 Cllrs who are nothing to do with my ward than any other councillor. We need more people like this not less. And NELC should NOT be allowed to play games and they should be putting forwards a well thought out and unbiased proposal based on fact and from listening to the electorate. The whole debacle is embarrassing for us as residents of this incompetent council.

Attached Documents:

None attached