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Proposal for Realigning Sherburn in Elmet and Surrounding Villages within North Yorkshire

Introduction

As a resident of Sherburn in Elmet, I am writing to advocate for the realignment of village boundaries, specifically suggesting that Sherburn in Elmet, along with South Milford, Tadcaster, and Monk Fryston, be recognized as part of North Yorkshire. Additionally, I propose that the boundary should begin from Fairburn Village, placing Burton Salmon and Brotherton within the West Yorkshire boundary, specifically the Wakefield area, to maintain their existing WF postcode.

This adjustment would more accurately reflect the social, economic, and practical realities for residents in Sherburn in Elmet and its surrounding villages, where there is a stronger connection to the city of York than Leeds or West Yorkshire in general. By realigning these boundaries, the division would be more consistent with the actual services and community identification of the residents.

Identifying with York: Healthcare, Leisure, and Shopping

Despite having a Leeds postcode (LS25), my family and many other local residents identify more closely with York. York plays a central role in our lives, providing essential services, including:

1. Healthcare Services: Our primary healthcare, including maternity services and emergency care, is based in York rather than Leeds. York's healthcare facilities are more accessible, convenient, and frequently used by local residents, making them a crucial part of our daily lives. When we require urgent care or maternity services, it is York that meets these needs, not Leeds.
2. Leisure and Shopping: York is also where we choose to spend our leisure time. Whether it's shopping, dining out, or enjoying recreational activities, York is our preferred city. The vibrant cultural and historical landscape of York, combined with its array of shops and restaurants, is much more appealing and accessible to Sherburn in Elmet residents than Leeds. Many residents, including my family, consider York our "local" city for everyday activities.
3. Community Identity: Sherburn in Elmet and the surrounding villages naturally form part of a North Yorkshire community that looks toward York for its central services. From local schools to community events, there is a tangible sense of belonging to York and North Yorkshire. Leeds, on the other hand, feels distant both geographically and in terms of the services we access.

Proposal for Boundary Adjustments

I propose that the boundary adjustments should recognize these real-world connections. Specifically, Sherburn in Elmet, South Milford, Tadcaster, and Monk Fryston should be part of North Yorkshire, as they have deep social, cultural, and service ties to York. The boundary should extend from Fairburn Village to maintain a logical geographic and administrative line.

Furthermore, Burton Salmon and Brotherton should remain within West Yorkshire, under the boundary of Wakefield, reflecting their existing WF postcode and connections to West Yorkshire. This will preserve continuity for those areas while acknowledging that Sherburn in Elmet and its neighboring villages are distinct in their orientation toward York.

Simplifying the Boundary and Reflecting Service Needs

Currently, the fact that Sherburn in Elmet has a Leeds postcode (LS25) creates confusion. Our healthcare and community services are based in York, yet our postcode ties us administratively to Leeds. A boundary realignment that places Sherburn in Elmet and the surrounding villages in North Yorkshire would more accurately reflect the service patterns and local identities of the residents.

Such a change would not only simplify administrative boundaries but also better reflect how we, as residents, live our lives. It would ensure that local governance and resources are allocated in ways that are consistent with the realities of where we receive healthcare, shop, and engage in leisure activities.

Conclusion

In summary, the proposed boundary change would place Sherburn in Elmet, South Milford, Tadcaster, and Monk Fryston firmly within North

Yorkshire, reflecting our close ties to York. Meanwhile, Burton Salmon and Brotherton could remain within West Yorkshire under the Wakefield boundary to maintain their current postcode and community connections.

This realignment would provide greater clarity and better reflect the actual needs and daily patterns of the residents, aligning services with the communities they serve. Thank you for considering this proposal as part of the boundary review process.

Kind regards,

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Resident of Sherburn in Elmet, North Yorkshire

Attached Documents:

None attached