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It is my view that there are improvements that can be made to the current wards in Carlton and Worksop North-East to make it more representative.

In Worksop North-East, there are three distinct communities including Thievesdale, Prospect and Sunnyside. There is no reason why these could not be split into smaller, more community orientated wards rather than adopting a three-member ward approach (which itself means that naturally some District Councillors take on more work than others - reducing accountability and reducing effective governance). In particular, this has been a big issue with the Peaks Hill Farm development where residents I have spoken to in Thievesdale feel ignored by their three local ward Councillors and do not feel represented.

In terms of Carlton ward, whilst I do not represent Langold, as the Councillor I have had on many occasions had to take on casework or pass it on to the County Councillor for Langold owing to the close relationship Costhorpe has with Langold (in particular, residents of the Firbeck Colliery housing develop who have moved to the area are surprised to know I do not represent Langold but I do represent half of Langold Lake - which causes trouble).

In my view, it would make considerable sense to look into looking at bringing Langold together with Costhorpe to address some of these concerns. In particular when looking at BDC's submission which seeks to merge Langold and Blyth into a two-member ward (something I fear would not result in effective local governance).

For these reasons, I support the Conservative Party's submission for the proposed ward boundaries.

Attached Documents:

None attached