

# North Yorkshire

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**Related subject:** Nidderdale

I support the proposals as they relate to Nidderdale (the dale), because they include most of the dale in a single division (Pateley Bridge & Nidderdale). They therefore respect the strong sense of community of the dale as a whole, and the identities and interests of individual settlements within the dale.

However, I have these comments on Birstwith, which the proposals leave out of both Pateley Bridge & Nidderdale and Lower Nidderdale. Birstwith is included in "Birstwith & Pannal", a division of two unequal halves which are linked by road only by routes which pass through other divisions. The two halves are linked directly only by public footpaths and bridleways crossing Haverah Park (a small and sparsely populated parish which has the unusual distinction of having no public roads within its boundaries). Birstwith shares closer links with its neighbour Hampsthwaite. The two villages share a surgery at Birstwith (part of the Nidderdale Group Practice), and a relatively frequent bus service. But I cannot offer a solution which would place Birstwith and Hampsthwaite in the same division, without creating imbalances elsewhere. So I support the proposals for Birstwith as the best compromise available.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*