

# North Yorkshire

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Harrogate

Harrogate Town Council is generally supportive of the recommendations being made and considers that the Boundary Commission has managed to successfully reflect the local communities within their proposals.

Harrogate Town Council appreciates the opportunity to contribute to this consultation and welcomes further dialogue, especially as part of any community governance review. We are keen to ensure boundaries are reflective of community identity, local geography, and access routes.

Please see attached document for specific comments.

## Attached Documents:

- 2025-06-05-htc-consultation-response.pdf

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## General Comments on Proposed Parish Boundaries

Harrogate Town Council expresses a general preference for single-member parish wards. However, it recognises that additional work is needed to define appropriate boundaries and names. At present, the Town Council is not resourced to undertake this detailed work and would welcome the opportunity to contribute to a future community governance review or similar consultation process.

## Division-Specific Feedback

### Jennyfield

- Supportive of the division's overall structure.
- Recommends Oak Beck Park be incorporated within Jennyfield, as it sits more naturally there from a community identity perspective.
- The A61 is suggested as a clearer boundary between Jennyfields and Bilton Grange.

### Bilton Grange

- Reflecting the Jennyfields adjustment, Oak Beck Park would sit outside this division.
- Suggest renaming the division to "Bilton Grange & Coppice Valley", to better reflect the community, including the presence of Coppice Valley Community Primary School.

### Bilton & Nidd Gorge

- No comments; generally supportive of proposals as drafted.

### Duchy & Valley Gardens

- Supportive of the proposed creation of this Division and boundaries as proposed.

### Central Harrogate

- Fully supportive; logical consolidation of Harrogate's central areas into one division.

### Granby

- Supportive, particularly due to the historical relevance of the division name.

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## Starbeck

- Woodlands Grove does not fit naturally in this division and would align better with the rest of the Woodlands developments.
- Suggest that the boundary be redrawn along the southern edge of the Back Stonefall Avenue Allotments, placing Woodlands Grove within Stray and Woodlands.
- Properties along the southern section of Prospect Road could be included in the Starbeck Division as a more natural fit.

## Stray and Woodlands

- Recommend renaming the division to “Stray and Hookstone” for clarity and consistency.
- Supports inclusion of Woodlands Grove and Hornbeam Park, which provide logical and practical division boundaries.

## Oatlands and Rossett

- Supportive of the inclusion of Whinney Lane, Yew Tree Lane, Green Lane, and Rossett Beck, which together form a cohesive community area.
- Suggests realigning the boundary to include all properties on Rossett Green Lane, as these are more urban in character and accessed similarly to the rest of the Oatlands and Rossett division.

## Harlow Division

- Supportive of Scampston Drive’s inclusion.
- Suggests boundary be extended along the B6162 to incorporate the adjacent industrial estate and playing fields.
- Consideration should be given to including all of the Cardale Park Estate and Vida Court within the Harlow Division. Beckwith Head Road should be used as a boundary until the southern boundary of Vida Court Road, then moving to the East where the Division could rejoin the boundary with Oatland & Rossett. These properties are of a more urban styling, whilst others in this area are more rural, agricultural developments.
- Proposes renaming to “Harlow Hill”, to align with local facilities such as Harlow Hill Church and Allotments.

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## **Final Statement**

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