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The proposal to split the current Yewdale Ward into the two new wards of Morton West and Sandsfield fails to reflect the community on the ground. In the previous boundary change for Carlisle City Council where Yewdale ward became part of Sandsfield and Morton West, the area around Yewdale Community Centre including the estate with Richmond Green and Whernside were retained within this boundary. The new proposals now remove the Richmond Green and Whernside part of the estate which identifies itself as part of the Yewdale community. For me, the redrawing of the boundary seems to be calculated on electoral advantage on the part of the other political parties and not the actual community on the ground. If only one small part of Orton Road and the estate is being removed from what would be the Sandfield ward. Surely, it would be sensible to either include the Richmond Green/Whernside/Orton Road in this ward as they have the natural affinity to the Yewdale Community rather than Morton West? The Morton West ward needs to be re-assessed in light of this.

I do not feel that it is necessary to have more than one councillor for this area and the area that is named Sandsfield should be named Yewdale and Sandfield as it covers both parts.

Attached Documents:

None attached