

## Leicestershire County

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### Comment text:

I represent the Money Hill ward on Ashby Town Council . Since the start of the consultation last May I have spoken to many constituents , but have yet to find one that feels that removing Castle Ward from the remit of the Ashby County Councillor and replacing it with Blackfordby Ward is a good idea . Castle Ward contains half of Ashby (Grammar) School , the much loved Parish Church of St Helens , the Castle itself which features so prominently in the life of the town , and much of the green open spaces we prize so highly . To move all this into the Valley Division , with which it has absolutely nothing in common , just to "make the numbers add up , is a nonsense ! Bringing Blackfordby , a village 3 miles distant that has very little in common with Ashby , into Ashby Division is similarly a nonsense . The people of Ashby care not that the forecasted growth of their town will leave them slightly "under-represented" on LCC - they would much prefer to be part of a Division of c11,000 electors that retains it's entity , than lose Castle Ward to an ill-conceived plan that seeks to make every Division a standard c10,000 . A key aim of the Boundaries is to "ensure that the pattern of divisions reflects the interests and identities of local communities as well as promoting effective local government" , and this would be well served by leaving Ashby's LCC boundary unchanged until the next review . Who knows if the forecasted growth will actually materialise anyway ! The coming of HS2 and the devlopment of the A511 corridor will bring many challenges for our town , it needs to face them with a single strong voice on LCC .

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