

Lincolnshire County Council Boundary Review from Tony Speakman

I write as a City of Lincoln Councillor for Carholme Ward and a resident of [REDACTED] in St Georges Park.

I understand that proposals are being put forward to the Boundary Commissioners which would take the DA polling district of Carholme Ward/ Lincoln West County division and group it with the Ermine estate, by removing it from the current Lincoln west.

As a resident and councillor I believe it is my duty to point out that the Long Leys Road and St Georges area does not interact significantly with the Ermine estate or north east Lincoln generally.

Long Leys Road has no connection to the Ermine estate other than through the junction at Yarborough Road and requiring the journey from the traffic lights to the Burton Road roundabout. In the other direction Long Leys Road leads to the A57 where a left turn delivers you to the A46 or (carrying on) Carholme Road and the West Common or a right to Saxilby.

Rather, residents send their primary school children to schools in the West End; we see the West Common as a vital 'green space' a pedestrian/ cyclist route to the City and a part of our leisure facilities (walking, pony rides and dog walking. We travel for shopping and the doctor to either Burton Road (Yarborough roundabout to castle end) or into the City centre.

Additionally, it should be recognised many residents of the Long Leys area have moved out from the West End and still have relatives and friends in that part of the City.

We do feel that the West Common, providing a non-car route to the City, rather than dividing the West End from Long Leys actually pulls them closer together. The City Council recognises this with the current (and longstanding) Carholme Ward boundary; many residents struggle with identifying the differing responsibilities of the County and City and benefit from good close working between the respective Ward and Divisional councillors.

There appears to be little logic other than (perhaps) maths for the proposed change, and I would ask that you give proper weight to the residents' current view of the world and keep our link with the West End and City Centre.

Many thanks,

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