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Subject: LCC Boundary Arrangements and North Kesteven Responses

Hi Johanna

Apologies if I am sending this to the wrong place – running out of time this evening

But please find attached comments from some North Kesteven District Councillors

If I need to submit these via a different method, I would be very grateful if you could let me know

Kind regards Marcella

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***Denotes proposed changes to parish electoral arrangements**

New Division Name (former division name)	Description	NK District Wards	Proposed Comments (if any)
<p>Bassingham & Welbourn*</p> <p>(formerly called Bassingham Rural)</p>	<p>To include Haddington, South Hykeham Bassingham, Witham St Hughs, Beckingham, Leadenham, Welbourn and Navenby</p> <p><i>Navenby & Boothby Graffoe move from former Branston Division</i></p> <p><i>*Creation of Wards for Parish of South Hykeham as the parish will be split between two Divisions (also part of Eagle Division)</i></p>	<p>Includes:</p> <p>All of Bassingham & Brant Broughton Ward</p> <p>And part of Cliff Villages Ward</p>	<p>The Cliff Villages NKDC Ward should be kept together in one county electoral Division due to its strong community identity. The Cliff Cluster Group of Parish Councils still meet, despite withdrawal of NKDC financial support; the Cliff Villages have strong transport links being situated along the A607 and having a bus service along this route; the communities share facilities including the Cliff Villages Medical Practice and shopping facilities at Navenby; the Cliff Villages from Harmston to Wellingore all sit in the same Church Parish of Graffoe. Coleby and Harmston are left isolated in the Coleby and Potterhanworth Division, and have no community links with the villages in this Division. (<i>Councillor Laura Conway NKDC Local Ward Member for 'Cliff Villages'</i>)</p>

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<p>Eagle (formerly called Skellingthorpe & Hykeham South)</p>	<p>To include Skellingthorpe, North Scarle, Swinderby and Thorpe on the Hill</p> <p><i>North Scarle, Swinderby and Thorpe on the Hill move from former Basingham Rural Division</i></p>	<p>Includes:</p> <p>All of Skellingthorpe Ward</p> <p>All of Hykeham Memorial Ward</p> <p>Part of Eagle, Swinderby & Witham St Hughs Ward</p>	<p>North Hykeham the second largest town in the North Kesteven area appears to have lost its identity under the boundary changes and been treated as a rural village. It is urban environment and has been linked with two rural areas which have no connection with the town. The eastern area being linked with Waddington and the western area linked with Eagle some six miles away. Would it not be preferable for the town to be split into 2 wards for the County Council along a N/S divide? Having the town split into 3 like this is not going to make future dealings with groups such as LN6 impossible but it will not make it easy. <i>(Councillor Lee, NKDC Local Ward Councillor for Hykeham Memorial Ward)</i></p>
<p>Heckington (formerly part of Sleaford Rural South)</p>	<p>To include Swaton, Heckington, Ewerby, Kirkby la Thorpe, Billingham and North Kyme</p> <p><i>Billingham & Dogdyke move from former Billingham & Metheringham Division</i></p>	<p>Includes:</p> <p>All of Heckington Rural Ward</p> <p>All of Kirkby la Thorpe & South Kyme Ward</p> <p>Part of Billingham, Martin & North Kyme Ward</p>	

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	Swaton moves from former Sleaford Rural South	Part of Osbournby Ward	
Hykeham Forum*	<p>Extends south from District boundary between Roman Rd to west and Lincoln Rd to east</p> <p>Moves Hykeham Witham from former Hykeham Forum Division to Waddington Division</p> <p>*Creation of two further North Hykeham Town Council Wards.</p>	<p>Includes:</p> <p>All of Hykeham Forum and Moor Wards</p> <p>Part of Hykeham Mill</p>	<p>North Hykeham the second largest town in the North Kesteven area appears to have lost its identity under the boundary changes and been treated as a rural village. It is urban environment and has been linked with two rural areas which have no connection with the town. The eastern area being linked with Waddington and the western area linked with Eagle some six miles away. Would it not be preferable for the town to be split into 2 wards for the County Council along a N/S divide? Having the town split into 3 like this is not going to make future dealings with groups such as LN6 impossible but it will not make it easy. (Councillor Lee, NKDC Local Ward Councillor for Hykeham Memorial Ward)</p>
Potternhanworth & Coleby*	To include Branston & Mere, Dunston, Coleby, Harmston and most of Heighington Parish	<p>Includes:</p> <p>All of Branston Ward</p> <p>Part of Cliff Villages Ward</p>	The Cliff Villages NKDC Ward should be kept together in one county electoral Division due to its strong community identity. The Cliff Cluster Group of Parish

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<p>(formerly called Branston & Navenby Division)</p>	<p><i>Navenby moves to Bassingham & Welbourn Division</i></p> <p><i>*Creation of Wards for Parish of Heighington as the parish will be split between two Divisions (also part of Washingborough Division)</i></p>	<p>Part of Metheringham Ward</p>	<p>Councils still meet, despite withdrawal of NKDC financial support; the Cliff Villages have strong transport links being situated along the A607 and having a bus service along this route; the communities share facilities including the Cliff Villages Medical Practice and shopping facilities at Navenby; the Cliff Villages from Harmston to Wellingore all sit in the same Church Parish of Graffoe. Coleby and Harmston are left isolated in the Coleby and Potterhanworth Division, and have no community links with the villages in this Division. (<i>Councillor Laura Conway NKDC Local Ward Member for ‘Cliff Villages’</i>)</p>
<p>Rowston*</p> <p>(formerly part of Ruskington & Cranwell Division and Billingham & Metheringham Division)</p>	<p>To include Metheringham, Blankney, Rowston, Digby, Dorrington, Scopwick and most of Cranwell, Brauncewell & Byards Leap (RAF Cranwell)</p> <p><i>Moves Metheringham from former Billingham & Metheringham Division</i></p>	<p>Includes:</p> <p>Most of Ashby de la Launde & Cranwell Ward</p> <p>Most of Metheringham Ward</p>	<p>Cranwell is a Village within the District Ward of Ashby de la Launde and Cranwell, of which I am the local Ward Member. The proposed boundary changes would affect Cranwell, by dividing the Village across 2 County Divisions. Whilst I fully understand and appreciate the need to make these changes, and the boundary amendments needed to do so, I feel that dividing the village of</p>

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	<p><i>*Creation of Wards for Parish of Cranwell, Brauncewell & Byards's Leap as the parish will be split between two Divisions (also part of Ruskington Division)</i></p>		<p>Cranwell may not the best way to achieve this. At the recent meeting of Cranwell Parish Council, it was expressed by the Councillors their concern that dividing the Village would not promote an approachable and united Parish with a division of the Village. Also, that creating a Parish Council comprising of 5 Cranwell members and 4 from Brauncewell, could be difficult to achieve. Perhaps some consideration could be given to the fact that Cranwell is home to the RAF College and provides a home to many families from a Royal Air Force background. To part Cranwell Village from the RAF College by County Division, could give a feeling of separation. Although this proposed division may appear to be logical, is it possible to create these new boundary divisions without the perceived segregation of Cranwell? Could there be an alternative for the inclusion of Cranwell Village within the Rowston division by proposed boundary changes elsewhere? <i>(Cllr Sarah Pearse, NK Ward Member for the Ashby de la Launde & Cranwell Ward)</i></p>
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<p>Ruskington</p> <p>(formerly part of Ruskington & Cranwell Division and part of Sleaford West & Leasingham)</p>	<p>To include Ruskington, Leasingham, North & South Rauceby, part of Cranwell, Brauncewell & Byards Leap (south-east edge/(Cranwell village)) and north-east part of Sleaford (Holdingham area)</p>	<p>Includes:</p> <p>All of Ruskington Ward</p> <p>All of Leasingham & Rauceby Ward</p> <p>Part of Ashby de la Launde & Cranwell Ward</p> <p>Part of Holdingham Ward</p>	<p>Cranwell is a Village within the District Ward of Ashby de la Launde and Cranwell, of which I am the local Ward Member. The proposed boundary changes would affect Cranwell, by dividing the Village across 2 County Divisions. Whilst I fully understand and appreciate the need to make these changes, and the boundary amendments needed to do so, I feel that dividing the village of Cranwell may not be the best way to achieve this. At the recent meeting of Cranwell Parish Council, it was expressed by the Councillors their concern that dividing the Village would not promote an approachable and united Parish with a division of the Village. Also, that creating a Parish Council comprising of 5 Cranwell members and 4 from Brauncewell, could be difficult to achieve. Perhaps some consideration could be given to the fact that Cranwell is home to the RAF College, and provides a home to many families from a Royal Air Force background. To part Cranwell Village from the RAF College by County Division, could give a feeling of separation. Although this proposed division may appear to be logical, is it</p>
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Sleaford*	To include Sleaford, Clay Hill, Sleaford West Junction and North Junction <i>*Proposed changes to ward boundaries and names for Sleaford Town Council as the parish will be split between three Divisions (Ruskington, Sleaford and Sleaford Rural Divisions)</i>	Includes: All of Sleaford Westholme Ward All of Sleaford Navigation Ward All of Sleaford Castle Ward Part of Holdingham Ward	
Sleaford Rural (formerly part of Sleaford Rural South & part of Sleaford West & Leasingham)	To include southern extent of Sleaford, Silk Willoughby, Osbournby, Newton & Haceby, Screddington, Wilsford, Aunsby & Dembleby	Includes: All of Sleaford & Quarrington Ward All of Osbournby Ward	

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<p>Waddington</p> <p>(formerly part of Bracebridge Heath & Waddington Division)</p>	<p>This division is bounded by Lincoln Road to the west (North Hykeham) and extends east to Waddington and Waddington Heath</p> <p><i>Moves part of Hykeham Mill Ward from former Skellingthorpe & Hykeham South Division</i></p>	<p>Includes:</p> <p>All of Waddington West Ward</p> <p>Part of Bracebridge Heath & Waddington East Ward</p> <p>All of North Hykeham Witham Ward</p> <p>Part of Hykeham Mill Ward</p>	<p>North Hykeham the second largest town in the North Kesteven area appears to have lost its identity under the boundary changes and been treated as a rural village. It is urban environment and has been linked with two rural areas which have no connection with the town. The eastern area being linked with Waddington and the western area linked with Eagle some six miles away. Would it not be preferable for the town to be split into 2 wards for the County Council along a N/S divide? Having the town split into 3 like this is not going to make future dealings with groups such as LN6 impossible but it will not make it easy. <i>(Councillor Lee, NKDC Local Ward Councillor for Hykeham Memorial Ward)</i></p>
<p>Washingborough*</p> <p>(formerly part of Heighington and Washingborough)</p>	<p>To include Bracebridge Heath, Canwick, Washingborough and the north-east corner of Heighington.</p> <p><i>*Creation of Wards for Parish of Heighington as parish will be split between two Divisions</i></p>	<p>Includes:</p> <p>Most of Heighington and Washingborough Ward</p> <p>Part of Bracebridge Heath and Waddington East Ward</p>	<p>The proposed divisions have no linkage to existing ward or constituency boundaries and would make a confused and over complex overall pattern of representation.</p> <p>The proposals ignore geography, settlement pattern and lines of communication which run primarily north south and impose a largely east</p>

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	<p><i>(Washingborough Division)</i></p>		<p>- west division pattern. Existing functioning groups of settlements are also ignored despite geography and shared services having built long standing working relationships. In my ward Canwick, Washingborough and Heighington parishes share schools, medical, retail and community facilities with Branston parish. These four have worked closely together for over 20 years in a Cluster Group but would be split under the proposals.</p> <p>The new division would split the large village of Heighington and its civil and ecclesiastical parish in two contrary to the Commission's own guidelines on reflecting local identity and community links.</p> <p>The proposed Washingborough division would join the villages of Washingborough, Canwick and part of Heighington with Bracebridge Heath, a suburban parish separated by a mile of open countryside and a very busy road. Bracebridge Heath has no administrative or community links with the other communities and is in a separate parliamentary constituency.</p>
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			<p>The emerging Central Lincolnshire Local Plan has just completed public consultation and goes before the inspector in spring. It envisages major housing and economic development including Sustainable Urban Extensions and 3500 new homes on Canwick Heath in the medium term (up to 6000 eventually). If enacted, the Commission proposal will very rapidly become out of date.</p> <p>The functional grouping of Washingborough, Heighington and Canwick with Branston would be a much better new division.</p> <p>This has been one County Division since 1974 and the proposals will cause an unnecessary division to this community.</p> <p><i>(Comments by Councillor Mrs M Brighton MBE, Leader of the Council and NK Ward Member for Heighington & Washingborough and Councillor Ian Carrington, NK Ward Member for Heighington & Washingborough.)</i></p>
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