

## Leicestershire County

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### Comment text:

Re: Boundary Changes - Proposal Response From: David Knaggs - Alderman of Leicestershire County Council I became involved in the Community and County Party politics in Thurmaston and Charnwood in the early 1970's. I have subsequently been involved at Village, Borough, County and National level. In the political life of the area over 5 decades I became an elected Parish, Borough and County Councillor and twice had the distinction of representing my party at National level. When I was 63 I stood down from the County Council having been the Chairman and subsequently elected as an Honorary Alderman. I think you will understand that throughout this period I have been involved with other senior members', officers and local government association officers and academics in promoting the good governance of our County. Part of that effort has been to maintain reasonable parity of electoral wards given regard to geographical determinants. You are now seeking to reasonably equalize the size of County Council seats. The new Thurmaston seat that you are describing (Thurmaston Ridgemere) will largely be a seat which drives to the East of the present Thurmaston boundary taking in the villages of Barkby, Beeby and South Croxton. This seems to be eminently sensible. As you will be aware that a colossal housing development, of over 4000 houses is already agreed for this area. It is in my view that in very few electoral cycles, in the Thurmaston population, including these new properties, will generate the need to have a wholly new electoral arrangement which could either be an additional County seat or a double header County Council seat for Thurmaston Ridgemere. This proposal also considers the inclusion of the South part of Syston in the Thurmaston Ridgemere ward. Given the volume of new electors due to be generated by the housing development previously described above this seems to be totally unnecessary. In that a further 500 electors transferred from Syston would immediately make the new Thurmaston seat unviable. Yet you think it is necessary to syphon off the Southern area of Syston to make the new Thurmaston Ridgemere seat. This is clearly ludicrous, when at the same time this would also have the knock on effect of taking voters from the Sileby seat to achieve Syston electorate numbers.

### Uploaded Documents:

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