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Dear Mr McKinnon,  
On behalf of the Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum I am making the following response:

We discussed this issue at an earlier meeting of the Forum Steering group last year and the consensus opinion was that as we were not an elected body we could not speak for Garforth but we did forward your request to the wider Forum members( approx 400). Now we have been asked specifically we appreciate being requested to make comments. Unfortunately we have not had the time to explain the rationale behind the ward boundary review to our members and comments received at a meeting last night are as follows:

- Under the SAP Garforth is faced with a 45% increase in housing numbers allocated to the 1st phase of development and the projected numbers in the documents are not realistic
- Members consider that Garforth will have electorate numbers to be a stand alone ward
- Garforth and Swillington have little in common other than sharing ward ellrs.
- We differ in many respects in that Swilington has a Parish Council to look after their interests whilst Garforth does not, we are allocated 83% of the new housing allocation for the Outer South East HMCA and Swillington has not been allocated any increase. Our problems and issues are vastly different.
- Bus services between the two communities are infrequent and not practical for many people as walking distance to a bus stop would be in the region of 20 - 30 minutes
- Garforth has an identifiable boundary ( A63, A642 and A656), separated from Swillington by 2 to 5 km so walking between the 2 communities is not practicable for most people

We are disappointed that although we received 'designation' status in November 2014 we had not been included in the LCC list of community groups to be consulted. What is the process for inclusion?

Yours sincerely  
Sue McQuire  
Secretary Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum