

## Harrogate District

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### Comment text:

Overall the proposed boundaries are acceptable and reflect the communities well. I have some comments about the proposed arrangements for Knaresborough and a few of the Harrogate town wards. KNARESBOROUGH I would prefer the boundaries submitted by the Borough Council. They reflect the local community interests closely though I accept the electoral variances in the wards do not strictly meet the Commission's guidelines. If you do decide to confirm your draft proposals I believe the names of the ward should be different than the ones you are proposing. As your proposed new Scriven ward is exactly the same as the existing Scriven Park ward with the Ripley Road area taken out it should remain known as Scriven Park. Scriven village is one small part of the ward - Scriven Park includes a much wider area and is a name all those living in the new ward are familiar with. The other new ward name of Tentergate does not reflect the area appropriately as the vast majority of the Tentergate estate falls within the boundary of the new Scriven ward. The Castle dominates the area of your new ward and I would like to suggest the name should be Castle ward as this would reflect community identity more closely than the proposed name of Tentergate. The proposed Aspin and Calcutt ward and the proposed Eastfield wards accurately reflect the areas and communities there and the names give a clear community identity. HARROGATE The proposed boundaries for all the Harrogate town wards do reflect the communities in the town and the names are appropriate with the exception of the boundaries for High Harrogate and Kingsley wards and the name of Fairfax ward. I see with the proposed Kingsley ward does not have any projected growth by 2021 with your proposals. Your proposed ward boundaries for Kingsley ward include the site of the former Harrogate Rugby Club off Claro Road. This site is currently being developed with 126 homes being occupied there by 2018. Kingsley Farm at the top of Kingsley Road has also got planning permission for 61 homes and will be developed by 2019. The former County Council Highways depot at the end of Station View in Starbeck is currently being demolished to make way for 55 new homes - planning permission has already been granted and they are likely to be built and occupied by 2018. Whichever way you look at it these developments in the new Kingsley ward will see 242 new homes and around 430 new residents in the ward. Your proposals for High Harrogate ward do include an extra 478 electors by 2021 but as the Rugby Club site is the largest area being developed over the next five years it is difficult not to conclude that the boundary line on your maps has been placed in the wrong area and that you actually intended to put the former Rugby Club site in the High Harrogate ward. Could I suggest that the High Harrogate ward should include ALL roads and developments leading off Claro Road (including Granby Park) and ALL developments on Granby Road (including Granby Court, Granby Gardens and Highgate Park) should be included in the new Kingsley ward. Could I also suggest that ALL of the High Harrogate Stray be included in the High Harrogate ward to make the area easily identifiable. The boundary line between High Harrogate and Kingsley ward should run from the eastern side of the Rugby Club site, then running between Granby Park and Granby Court. The boundary should then run south along Granby Road to the junction of Knaresborough Road then westwards along Knaresborough Road to the Empress roundabout. From there westwards along York Place until it meets with the junction of Park Parade where it should turn northwards along Park Parade until it meets Walkers Passage. My final comment is about the proposed name for the new Fairfax ward. The boundaries

for this ward are fine but I think the proposed name does not reflect the identity of the area well. I have lived in this area for 35 years and attended the former Woodlands School (recently changed to Willow Trees). Many people around here closely identify with the Woodlands area which makes up part of this ward. The Woodlands area is too large to have one ward with that name but I think the name of North Woodlands would be somewhere that 90% of people living here could identify with. Many people living here send their children to the well known Primary school here and the Woodlands Methodist Church is also an integral part of the community and that is based in this ward. I have lived in the areas covered by High Harrogate, Kingsley and Fairfax wards all of my 65 years and know the area well. I think the draft proposals generally reflect the area and district well but would appreciate it if my comments and suggestions were taken into account when making your decision about the boundaries and ward names. Thank You for reading my submission, Philip Broadbank



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