

Leicestershire County

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I am currently the county councillor representing the Gartree Division which consists of the Harborough Districts of Billesdon, Glen and Kibworth. I strongly object to the inclusion of the Tugby & Keythorpe parish in the recommended Gartree Division. The projected electorate by 2021 for this parish will be 277, and so putting this parish back into the Launde Division to give a projected electorate in 2021 of 10,996 would not mean that Division exceeding 10% of the county average by 2021. Tugby & Keythorpe parish is in the Harborough Tilton Ward and lies on the A47. It has no relationship or community links therefore with the other Harborough District Wards proposed for the Gartree Division i.e. rest of Billesdon Ward, Glen and Kibworth Wards. I therefore request this parish be retained within the Launde Division. The other proposed change is to break up the cohesive community of 5 rural villages (the Langtons) by moving three parishes (East, Thorpe and West Langton) into the urban Market Harborough East Division. All the Langton villages currently lie within the Harborough District Kibworth Ward, and there are very strong community links not just between all 5 villages (East Langton parish consists of East and Church Langton villages), but with the rest of the Kibworth Ward. The households of the 30 villages surrounding and including Kibworth Harcourt and Kibworth Beauchamp receive 10 issues free per year of the Kibworth & District Chronicle; this is a community newspaper including news from the villages as well as information for the villages, such as events and activities from the local schools, U3A clubs, youth groups, churches etc. These Langton parishes would still receive the community newspaper but any county council news would not necessarily be relevant if they were within the urban Market Harborough East Division which lies on the southern side of the A6 Market Harborough bypass - a natural barrier. Children upto 11 are state educated either in the Church Langton or Kibworth Primary Schools. 11-16 year olds are expected to attend the Kibworth School - an 11-16 Academy. Only those attending sixth form would be educated at the Robert Smyth Academy in Market Harborough. Residents from the 5 Langton villages are mostly registered with one of the two GP practices in Kibworth Beauchamp and not with Market Harborough GPs. Residents of all 5 Langton villages shop routinely in the Kibworths, use the Kibworth community library and village facilities. All 5 Langton villages were within the historic Gartree Hundred along with most of the Kibworth and Billesdon Ward parishes. Leaving the 635 projected electorate numbers from these three Langton parishes within the Gartree Division would mean the total Gartree Division electorate (11,001 in 2021) would be just 10% more than the projected average of 9,984. I therefore request that the three Langton parishes of East, Thorpe and West Langton are retained within the Gartree Division and so keep the strong community cohesion of all 5 Langton villages together.

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