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I am a Ward Councillor for Ingleby Barwick East Ward, and a Town Councillor for the same ward. Ingleby Barwick East and West wards are currently above the recommended limit, with the West Ward being well over the limit. However, the numbers fall well below those required for a 7th councillor (for the time being). Residents of Ingleby Barwick do not associate themselves as either East or West, in fact the vast majority do not know what ward they are on. Maltby and Hilton, are different in that they are two small villages and do not associate themselves with Ingleby at all. They would be even more annoyed if they were to become part of Thornaby, which TIA councillors have suggested in order to keep 7 councillors when in fact they could easily re organise the wards and comfortably manage with 6 councillors. My proposal is to scrap the East and West wards and replace them with North and South wards. The North ward would be Lowfields, Broomhill and The Rings (currently West ward). All these villages are accessible from Ingleby way by turning right off Ingleby Way. Beckfields, Roundhill and Soberhall along with Maltby and Hilton are to the left of Ingleby Way, entering the estate from Thornaby Road. Changing to North and South would mean the figures for the new North Ward are less than 100 above the average number of residents that the commission consider ideal 2639. , The South would become Roundhill, Soberhall and the former East ward Beckfields, Maltby and Hilton would join them. This will still result in the South ward being above the +/- 10% threshold but way lower than it currently is +24% and projected to be ie +20% I believe it drops down to about +15%. It is currently projected to be 9534 If my proposals are accepted the new ward will be 9072 making it + 15% The new North ward would be less than 100 over the ideal figure well within the +/- 10%. I believe that geographically and numerically this makes a lot more sense than the current warding pattern. Yours faithfully Cllr Ted Strike

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