

North Northamptonshire

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Comment text:

Dear colleague,

On behalf of Desborough Town Council I submit the following comments to the draft proposals for reorganisation of the North Northamptonshire Council area.

Desborough Town Council notes that the population of the town is increasing accepts and the Commission's projection that it would have in excess of 9,500 electors by 2028 – greater than should be accommodated in a two-member ward with good electoral equality. The Town Council however, does not support the proposal to combine the existing ward with the parishes of Cottingham, East Carlton, Middleton, and Rockingham. The Town Council notes that there are indeed a few services which are provided by some agencies covering a wider area but few if any covering the draft proposed ward area in itself and the Council feels that identifying any such services as a reason to marry the urban town of Desborough with parishes with no tangible connection with it (Cottingham, East Carlton, Middleton, and Rockingham) appears to be simply making the numbers fit a predetermined model rather than reflecting the reality of community cohesion.

A standalone ward based on the urban parish of Desborough has a great deal of merit and the existing Corby Rural ward already serves a number of rural parishes, entirely wrapping around the north of the urban area of Corby. The proposed Gretton & Weldon ward could be refocussed westwards to encompass the rural areas of the existing Desborough ward no longer included in the proposed Desborough ward.

Regards,

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Attached Documents:

None attached