



## Horsforth Town Council

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Dear Sue Wolfe,

I am writing to you on behalf of Horsforth Town Council to request Leeds City Council to carry out a Governance Review for the following reasons.

At the last City-wide Polling District Review, 2 new polling districts, HOH & HOM, were created.

HOH was created by removing Broadgate Lane and streets off from HOG and HOM was created by removing streets in the King Edward Ave/Drury Ave area from HOE.

Currently HOH is part of the Broadfields Town Council Ward and HOM is part of the Hall Park Town Council Ward and both Polling Districts vote at Broadfields APH.

This means that, with the current Town Council Ward configuration, any election involving both the Town Council Broadgate and Hall Park Wards e.g. the next all-out elections in 2027, would have to have different coloured ballot papers so that those ballots returned at Broadfields APH could be allocated to the correct Town Council Wards.

To prevent this additional work, we suggest the creation of a new Town Council ward consisting of polling districts HOH and HOM.

To keep the total number of Town Councillors the same, the Hall Park and Broadfields Wards would be reduced to 4 Councillors and the new HOH/HOM Town Council Ward would have 2 Councillors.

As stated previously, the HOM ward is currently part of the Hall Park Town Council Ward which means that an area made up of Council and former Council properties is part of a Town Council ward that is dominated by a more affluent area.

Combining it with the similar HOH into a new Town Council Ward means that the population is of a similar demographic group which means that the electorate can more easily be represented by somebody that understands their issues.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Becky Crabtree

Town Clerk