



Dear Review Officer,

West Lancashire Borough Council Officers welcome the opportunity to comment on the Commission's Draft Recommendations for West Lancashire.

Officers are concerned at the implications of the proposed naming of the Skelmersdale Central Ward.

Officers believe that the proposed name will cause confusion both to electors and administrators due to the existence of the Skelmersdale Central Lancashire County Council Electoral Division that sits on different boundaries to that proposed here at Borough level. The County Division of Skelmersdale Central comprises of the existing Borough Wards of Birch Green, Tanhouse, Digmoor and parts of Skelmersdale North, whereas the proposed Skelmersdale Central Borough Ward comprises (with minor boundary changes) the existing Borough Wards of Birch Green and Tanhouse.

Regarding an alternative name the Commission should note that Skelmersdale East is also currently the name of a County Division and should not be used here for the same reasons as Skelmersdale Central should not be used.

Officers propose 'Skelmersdale New Town', 'Skelmersdale Town Centre', or 'Birch Green & Tanhouse' as alternative names for this proposed Ward.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Lynan".

Tom Lynan
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