

Castleford fights to keep its name

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COMMUNITY leaders and residents last night vowed to step up pressure on the Boundary Commission in a bid to stop Castleford's name being erased from the political map.

Around 50 people turned up to a meeting at Castleford High

School where a plan of action was formed against the Boundary Commission's decision to merge the Pontefract and Castleford constituency with Normanton. The new constituency would be called Normanton and Pontefract.

Anyone objecting to the plan must send in their submissions to the Boundary Commission before February 19.

"We are urging the commission to keep four constituencies

in Wakefield District," said Coun Mark Burns Williamson (Lab, Castleford).

"We have got to go through the process and give the Boundary Commission a chance to rectify the proposals.

"The main issue was Castleford being dropped from the constituency name. Everybody was determined to fight this all the way. Normanton looks more towards Wakefield. That's why it should remain a constituency

in its own right."

Councillors and members of pressure group Castleford United will be in the Carlton Lanes Shopping Centre, Castleford, between 11am and 12pm on Saturday collecting for a petition.

Coun Burns Williamson said Castleford campaigners would consider an option being considered at Normanton to take the fight to the High Court if the Boundary Commission refuse to withdraw the proposals."

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