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Related subject: New Hartley

I am a resident of New Hartley and am writing to object to the proposed formation of the two divisions firstly New Delaval and New Hartley and secondly the Hartley division. I am a resident of New Hartley and strongly believe the village should remain in one division rather than being split. The main basis of this objection is community identity.

I became a resident of New Hartley about a year ago. I've found it to be a welcoming village with a strong identity based around a small central part. I spend a good deal of my time in this central part. I attend mass at Our Lady and St Joseph Church every week. Through the Community Association I help at the Food Pantry weekly and attend the Craft Group twice a month. I meet other villagers in the cafe for coffee and make use of the post office. I also enjoy walking to the Hester Pit Memorial Garden and am learning more about the tragedy behind this space.

All of these activities are located to the south of Bristol Street and so would be placed in the Hartley division under the current proposals. I live to the north of Bristol Street, in the proposed New Delaval and New Hartley division. Under the proposals my local councillor would have no representative say over any issues affecting what I regard as the heart of the village. In contrast my division is proposed to encompass New Delaval, an area not readily accessible by me and which I do not view as part of my community.

I hope the Boundaries Commission will reconsider this division and find a better way of providing electoral equality while providing community identity.

Attached Documents:

None attached