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Thank you for taking into account my previous comments regarding the physical, transport and social connections between Escomb and Witton Park and the Evenwood Division, especially Etherley and Toft Hill. I have had numerous comments regarding being named in your report, all positive and a number of which highlighting how they were surprised at a local voice being heard and how the changes actually made sense, so thank you.

I was surprised to see Staindrop and the surrounding villages, are also to be incorporated in Evenwood Division, the Division also being increased from a two, to a three member ward. Although initially surprised, I realise the logic that this will bring inline the resident numbers for the division and something that I hadn't previously thought off is that Evenwood Division being massive geographically compared to most Divisions in Durham, it presently has no Secondary School, with a large number of the children moving up from our current six Primary Schools having to bus into Secondary schools, a lot of children within Evenwood Division already attend Staindrop Secondary School, giving a social link to that area, along with the current transport links. This inclusion of a Secondary School I believe will strengthen links between the local communities/villages and the School itself, it will also give the three new County Councillors the opportunity to work with the school and give a link to Durham County Council, hopefully improving services for children and staff.

Thank you for being allowed to participate and actually taking note of local views.

Robert Potts

County Councillor
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Attached Documents:

None attached