

County Durham

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Comment text:

I am writing in relation to the LGBCE review of warding arrangements in County Durham.

I am a regular visitor to the Chester le Street area for leisure purposes and to visiting longstanding family friends living on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

I am writing in support of the Commissions' proposal for a single member North Lodge division with the boundaries as proposed on page 15 and 16 of the Report.

I am in agreement with North Lodge Parish Council's view that the area has a distinct identity, and that the entire parish and surrounding areas should be kept in a single member division rather than being linked with the rest of Chester le Street, Burnmoor or Pelton areas which would make effective community representation harder.

This part of Chester le Street clearly faces towards Newcastle and Gateshead for work opportunities, transport links etc. rather than towards Durham City like many other parts of the wider Chester le Street area.

Similarly it would not make sense for the areas proposed in the North Lodge division to be shared in a larger division with more rural communities and villages nearby.

I do not feel that there are sufficient community links, shared facilities or a sense of shared place between North Lodge/Chester le Street and the distinct village communities of Lumley and Burnmoor.

I urge the Commission to adopt the proposal for a single-member North Lodge division as proposed.

Attached Documents:

None attached