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Good evening,

I would like to make a comment on the proposed changes to Consett North. I have resided in the town centre for most of my adult life, and was formerly chair of the local residents association.

Similar to Healeyfield, Moorside and The Grove, meriting their own single member seat, I believe Leadgate and Medomsley should retain its own ward. This is because they are villages adjacent to Consett, rather than being part of the town centre. They are their own distinct communities. I understand that in isolation they would not have enough electors for individual wards, but as rural villages they share enough similarities to be grouped together. This also means minimal change from the existing setup.

The town centre is a very different community. I suggest it be a single member ward for electoral equality. The type of housing is similar (for example, very little council housing compared with the nearby villages), giving it a distinct feel to it. They share the same amenities in the town centre and are easily accessible by foot. Residents of Leadgate and Medomsley have to travel further into the town centre. They are therefore more likely to make use of shops etc closer to where they live. They have their own community centres, whereas town centre residents make use of Glenroyd House.

These are just a few reasons why I propose a Consett Town Centre ward, rather than merging it with Leadgate and Medomsley.

Many thanks,

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None attached