

# County Durham

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## Comment text:

I am a resident of the large Etherley Dene housing estate, which is currently in the 2-councillor West Auckland Ward. This makes sense as I live in the western suburbs of Bishop Auckland , within walking distance of St Helens and West Auckland.

I am baffled by your current proposal to put my northern part of the current West Auckland ward, which is suburban and close to Bishop Auckland and West Auckland, into a huge new Evenwood ward, which would continue to be largely rural.

Your assertion that we would be better represented as part of a 3 councillor Evenwood is surely not justified. We have different issues in the suburban areas around Etherley from those in the more rural Evenwood ward.

Please reconsider this proposal, and make every effort to keep the local representation we now have on the western edge of Bishop Auckland , by retaining a two councillor ward for us, and keeping a 2 councillor Evenwood ward to represent the more rural area further west.

Yours faithfully,

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## Attached Documents:

*None attached*