

# Sunderland

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## Comment text:

Dear Local Government Boundary Commission for England,

I am writing about the review of ward boundaries for Sunderland City Council. I believe that the initial proposals strike a good balance between electoral equality and representing sensible and identifiable communities. I would like to comment on proposals for Fulwell Ward and Barnes and Thornhill Ward.

I live [REDACTED] in Seaburn Dene estate. I agree with the Commission's proposals for Fulwell Ward, which keep the Fulwell and Seaburn areas together in a cohesive unit.

The proposed ward is centred around the commercial centre of Sea Road shops and all parts of the proposed ward share recreational facilities at Seaburn sea front, community facilities like Fulwell Community Library and share transport links with Seaburn Metro Station and good bus links north-south and east-west to all parts of the ward. I believe that it makes sense for Newcastle Road to be the north-western boundary of the Fulwell Ward, rather than the railway line to ensure that streets between the railway line and Newcastle Road which share facilities and community links with Fulwell rather than Southwick are also included in the Fulwell Ward. I would also like to see the southern boundary with Roker Ward moved north – perhaps to Browne or Atkinson Roads. This would ensure that all streets in Roker are in the Roker Ward, and deliver better electoral equality between Roker and Fulwell Wards.

Before moving [REDACTED], I lived [REDACTED] in High Barnes. I agree with the Commission's proposals for the Barnes and Thornhill Ward, but would suggest some changes to improve the ward. Firstly, the area around Medway Gardens shares community facilities like

the Broadway Community Centre and the Wavendon pub. I believe that the streets north of Chester Road but south of Hylton Lane Estate (North Hall Drive, Broadmayne Avenue etc) are an integral part of this community of High Barnes, sharing the same facilities and being of the same type of housing, which is different from that of Hylton Lane Estate. I would therefore request that these few streets, which are a part of High Barnes, are included in the Barnes and Thornhill Ward.

I also believe that the streets to the west of Tunstall Road (Brookside Gardens, Holmelands Park etc.) and north of Queen Alexandra Road (Alexandra Park, Tunstall Park etc) are an integral part of Ashbrooke, and do not have affinity with either Barnes or Thornhill. These streets share community facilities with the rest of Ashbrooke like The Rosedene public house and Backhouse Park. They are also physically separated from the rest of the Barnes and Thornhill Ward by the Thornhill Secondary School and St Mary's Primary School grounds. As there are no through routes across these grounds, it provides a barrier from connecting these streets to the rest of the community and facilities of Barnes and of the Thornhill area (widely understood to be the area bounded by Thornholme Road to the south, Durham Road to the north and west, and Thornhill Crescent to the east).

I believe these streets should be included with the rest of Ashbrooke in the Tunstall and Humbledon Ward. This would make it more convenient for councillors, with one set of councillors in the Tunstall and Humbledon Ward representing both these parts of Ashbrooke either side of Tunstall Road. It would also reduce the feeling that the north-west spur of the proposed Tunstall and Humbledon Ward is isolated from the rest of the electoral district.

Thanks for your consideration.



## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*