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Related subject: Dene and South Gosforth Ward Boundary

The current Dene and South Gosforth Ward Boundary makes no sense at all. Jesmond Dene divides the communities on either side of it. South Gosforth is part of Gosforth, The area to the East of the Dene is High Heaton and is part of Heaton. Children in South Gosforth mainly attend the Gosforth Schools, which are three tier, Children in to the East of the Dene mainly attend the two tier schools in Heaton.

There is very little connection between the two parts of the ward. People in South Gosforth generally have closer links to Gosforth and Jesmond and use shopping and other facilities in those areas. The residents east of the Dene are part of High Heaton and more closely linked to Heaton.

This ward does not relate to a recognisable community. It would make far more sense to have wards that relate to communities and if necessary have different numbers of electors and different numbers of councillors to allow for wards to be different sizes. This would allow the West of the ward to be included in the Gosforth ward and the East to be combined with Manor Park to form a High Heaton Ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached