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THE BOUNDARY REVIEW 2024 - CHAPEL WARD, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

CHAPEL WARD is in the west of Newcastle and has three very defined boundaries – Hexham Road (and the A69) to the south, Stamfordham Road to the north and Hillhead Road to the east.

There is not such a defined boundary to the west but North Walbottle Road separates the older estates from the newer homes as it cuts through the ward and has junctions with Stamfordham Road and with Hexham Road (passing over the A69 at its southern end). Older properties are on the east side of North Walbottle Road and these back onto Chapel Park and Chapel House. Abbey Grange and Abbey Farm are also on the east side of North Walbottle Road and on the opposite side the new properties have been built and occupied on The View at Abbey Heights – this new estate is still under construction.

Chapel Ward is divided into seven estates – Chapel House, Chapel Park, St John's, Abbey Grange, Abbey Farm, West Meadows and the new one still under construction - The View at Abbey Heights. The original estates in the ward are connected by their names, for example Chapel, Abbey and St John's and even the newest estate keeps that connection being named The View at Abbey Heights. St John's Estate is at the junction of Stamfordham Road and North Walbottle Road and is accessed via North Walbottle Road. Chapel Park is accessed from North Walbottle Road and from Hillhead Road. Chapel House has two accesses from Hillhead Road. Footpaths and the North Walbottle Wagonway link the estates between North Walbottle Road and Hillhead Road and there is a link road connecting Chapel House and Chapel Park.

The ward benefits from two established shopping centres on Chapel House and a large supermarket and post office on Chapel Park which caters for the day-to-day requirements of the residents. Other services in the ward include an estate agency, a garage with shop attached, homes for the elderly, a couple of cafes and a restaurant as well as two primary schools, two churches, a medical centre, a chemist, a dentist and a children's nursery.

At the junction of Hillhead Road and Stamfordham Road there is a Community Centre with playing fields, a children's play area and an outdoor bowls green with facilities. The Community Centre is well supported by the residents and a variety of events take place – some are held regularly and some are booked individually for meetings, parties or other special events.

On Hexham Road (and within Chapel Ward) is the Blucher Club and next to it leading off Hexham Road is a link and footpath to Chapel House through a large green area, giving easy access to the Blucher Club for the residents of that estate.

Public transport is available throughout the ward but it could be improved.

As we have indicated, the ward is compact, and supplied with a variety of services. All the estates are popular and most of the homes are privately owned. Residents very often move between homes within the ward – for example moving from a flat on Chapel House to a house on Chapel Park or a large house on St John's to a smaller house or bungalow in the ward as family circumstances change. We moved from a larger house on Chapel Park to a bungalow on West Meadows which suits our housing needs more closely now.

Chapel Ward works well as it is and therefore our preference would be for the boundary of Chapel Ward to remain unchanged.

Attached Documents:

None attached