

Sunderland

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I am very concerned about the commissions proposals for St Chad's Ward.
Whilst I understand the numerical reasons for the proposal, the geography and community side of the argument is completely flawed.

The previous proposal placed all of the areas of East, West and New Herrington together in one ward, creating a ward that shared a number of local services, churches, schools and other amenities. There is a community cohesion between these areas with many people crossing the A19 boundary and the area feeling like one large community. The addition of the Farringdon estate into these new proposals is understandable as Farringdon also shares a number of facilities with Herrington, the large secondary school in Farringdon is a good example of this as it attracts pupils from across Herrington and Farringdon. The Community Centre at Farringdon is also used by people from across the area and the youth club is well used. Both areas also have community groups which work together on large community events, the recent summer character trail being an example of this.

The newly added areas of Plains Farm and Barnes (Hipsburn Drive) share no community links with the existing areas and are a puzzling addition. These areas are explicitly linked to Barnes. Schools, churches, mosques and doctors surgeries used by this area are all located in Barnes area and Millfield area. Community Associations are also based in Barnes with no link at all to community groups in Farringdon and Herrington. The movement of people is to the North of the city towards Barnes and then onto the city centre for shopping purposes etc rather than to the south towards Herrington and Durham.

I would like to propose that the St Chad's ward maintains the addition of Farringdon estate as this makes sense and maintains community

cohesion. A new border would be established at Langley Street and West Lea in New Herrington, using the old railway line as a natural border. This would continue to group the traditional Herringtons together whilst also maintaining the numbers for the neighbouring Shiney Row Ward

I believe that this new border would work with regard to population numbers whilst also keeping communities intact.

Attached Documents:

None attached