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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of the Coalfields, I do not understand why we have increased to five wards at the expense of the centre of Sunderland. I think it would have been much better for community cohesion if the wards did not see the A19 as a barrier between Sunderland and Houghton and I did like the previous suggestion to pull all of Herrington into a single ward so that the Coalfields did not appear totally alien to and cut off from Sunderland, which they are not. The new proposals no longer achieve that and they go back to reinforcing the idea that the Coalfields is totally separate from Sunderland.

I object to Herrington and Newbottle having this name because most of the residential areas known as 'Herrington' are in what is proposed to be 'St Chad's'. The Commission should bring back the unified Herrington Ward.

The proposal to call Washington East the Riverside Ward is a good idea and this reflects how Washington and Houghton transition into one another rather than being cut off from one another. The Commission should try to achieve the same in respect of the boundary between Houghton and Sunderland and the Herrington Ward is the best way to do this.

Attached Documents:

None attached