

Sunderland

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Comment text:

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a Seaburn resident, I would like to see Seaburn reflected in the ward name. I also think Marley Potts should be in the Redhouse Ward and that the area around Fulwell Mill should be referred to as Fulwell Mill, as this is not Southwick.

As a former senior police officer and Area Commander for Sunderland, based at the former Farringdon police station, I believe that the south Sunderland proposals are all wrong.

Firstly, to have city centre wards that are as large as they are is not sensible. This presents a major challenge to the councillors in those wards who will have to deal with higher than average use of their assets, a higher ASB and crime rate, a scheme of major development and a greater proportion of those who live in the city centre but are not registered to vote (i.e. HMO occupants).

Second, from my experience in the police, I am baffled as to how Gilley Law has been classed as Doxford Park; how Farringdon is said to have no connection to Silksworth, but Tunstall does; and how East Herrington is included with Humbledon. This shows a very poor awareness of the geography of the city and the way community, social and emergency services organise. Tunstall, Humbledon and Plains Farm are all peripheral suburbs of the city centre. Farringdon, Silksworth and Ryhope are all one step further removed, seen as the edge of the city and united by their being former coalfields areas (in the latter two cases). Farringdon is, of course, a former hamlet of Silksworth and the two transition seamlessly into one another with Lakeside Village as a middle point that binds them.

Finally, I would suggest that the Herringtons are treated as a single area. They are a collection of villages with a distinct heritage and they are

accessible by foot and public transport. These are very much the stepping stone from Sunderland to the Coalfields and Herrington sits comfortably between Sunderland and Washington.

Given the above comments which are quite major issues in my opinion, I should add that the proposals for Fulwell Ward (other than the name as also highlighted above) as amended are sensible and proportionate, with the main boundary to the west of the ward, staying as is currently the case running down the major arterial route, namely Newcastle Road.

I would be happy to discuss the matters raised with your staff, should it be necessary to do so, as clearly some of the proposals of the review do not make sense and need to be reviewed.

Kind regards,

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Attached Documents:

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