

# Darlington

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**Related subject:** All areas

The files uploaded give suggested new ward boundaries. The focus of the submission is towards drawing boundaries around communities that are coherent.

Where polling districts have been split, the aim is to keep communities intact rather than create wards that are perfectly aligned to the elector ratio. Split polling districts have had their electoral numbers estimated rather than precisely calculated.

- 1) Hummersknott sees a substantial urban expansion to the west. This development will be urban in character. While the Conniscliffe Park houses sit in what is currently Highington and Coniscliffe, it would be better suited to join an expanded, 2 seat Hummersknott.
- 2) Mowden expands to the north west, to include Wyvern Academy. There is a shared linear park that currently forms a boundary between wards in the north west but would now become a unifying feature. The housing in the polling district CKC are less dense and will suit addition to Mowden.
- 3) Cockerton expands northwards, retaining the important commercial / neighbourhood centre of Cockerton Village to include the West Park area of Darlington.
- 4) A new ward, Denes will be formed from the communities that are united by the linear 'Denes Park'. The housing is of similar form and age,

sharing local shops and community venues.

5) The New Faverdale ward, to the east of Aukland Road, will comprise of the current, relatively new build communities with the new housing that will be built on Faverdale Farm.

6) Harrowgate Hill loses the small section to the east of the East Coast Main Railway line, a strong physical barrier that divides this part of the town. The ward expands to represent the new garden village community planned for the North of the town. Dividing the garden village between two or even three wards would hamper the representation of new residents.

7) Whinfield expands to the north east, taking in communities that naturally connect to the urban area via the Whinfield area, often accessing the same services and community spaces.

8) Heighington And Coniscliffe remains almost unchanged (except for the area ceded to Hummersknott).

9) The old North Road ward - renamed Rise Carr in this submission, is now a two seat ward - representing the depopulation that has been happening steadily for several years.

10) Haughton and Red Hall, is formed by bringing the Red Hall estate into the old Houghton and Springfield ward. The Red Hall community is fairly self contained, with its own community centre and small shops. Residents of Red Hall also access the services in Haughton Green, demonstrating the community link.

11) Bank Top ward now includes the central area of the town, on its western boundary, and is now demarcated on the east by Hundens Lane, Ridsdale Street, Riddle Street and Neasham Road. This boundary ensures that the housing type of, dense terraces associated with the historic railway and engineering industry are kept together.

12) College and Park West have many similarities and share local amenities, community venues and principal communication links. Merging the two, 2 seat wards into one 3 seat ward (College and Blackwell) keeps communities together.

Firthmore & Skerne Park are two distinct communities that have their own services and community venues. They will form the southern boundary to the urban area.

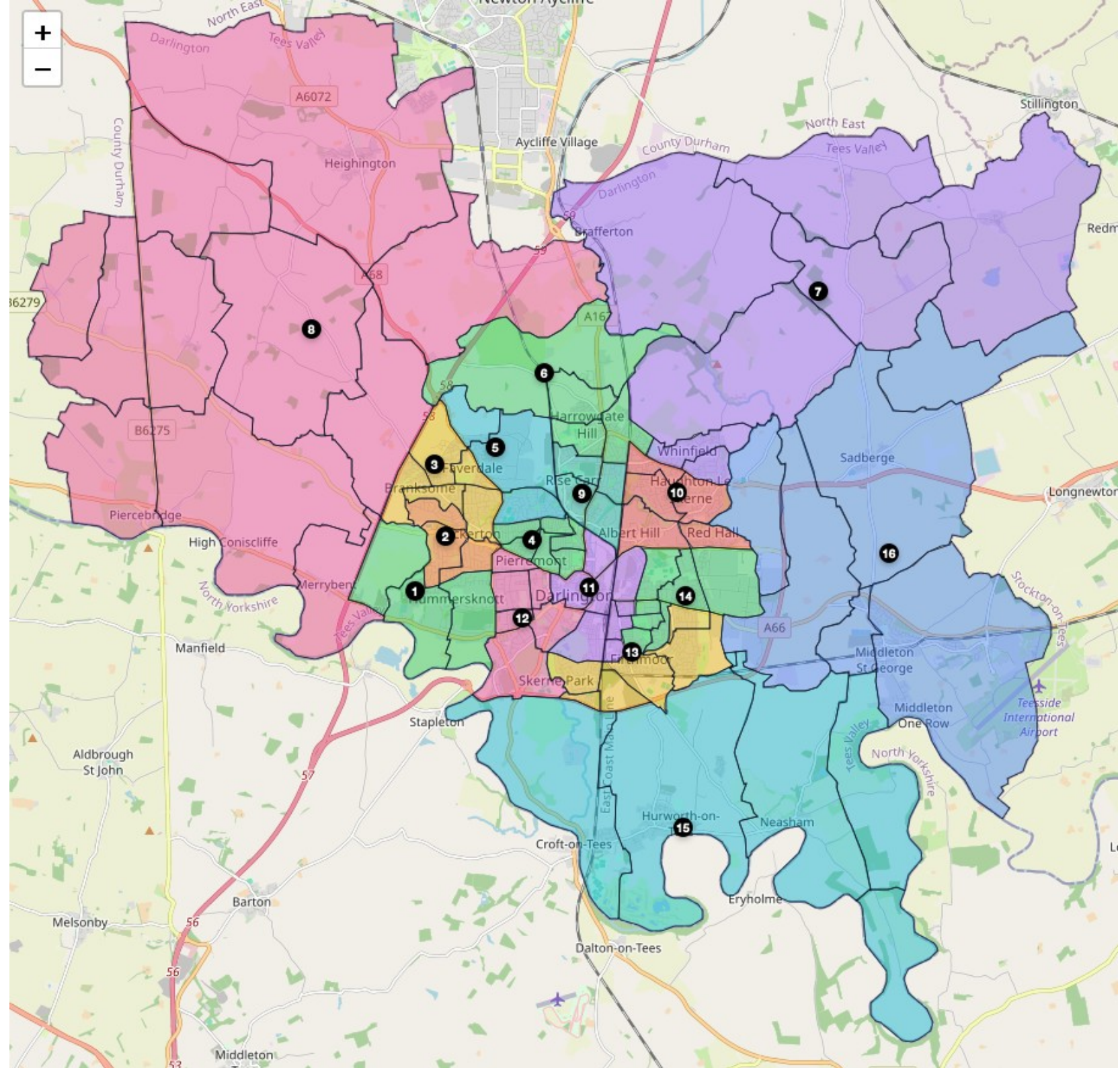
14) Eastbourne is a community of medium density housing, with a western boundary defined by Eastbourne Park, Willow Green and East Cemetery (an important green corridor that separates this area from Bank Top).

15) Hurworth is a principally rural ward with the villages of Croft-on-Tees, Hurworth and Neasham as self-contained communities. The boundary is moved to make the A66 the northern boundary.

16) Middleton St George has seen the population grow substantially, with the other self-contained settlement of Sadberge, this three seat ward is resized to take account of that growth.

## **Attached Documents:**

- screenshot-2026-01-26-at-11.24.13.png
- screenshot-2026-01-26-at-11.24.22.png
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## Wards

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**1** ● **Hummers & Conniscliffe Park** **-4.64%**  
2 councillors  
Electorate 4,184

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**2** ● **Mowden and Wyvern** **-1.27%**  
2 councillors  
Electorate 4,332

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**3** ● **Cockerton** **-8.14%**  
3 councillors  
Electorate 6,046

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**4** ● **Deans** **-1.44%**  
3 councillors  
Electorate 6,487

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**5** ● **Faverdale** **+11.95%**  
2 councillors  
Electorate 4,912

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**6** ● **Harrowgate Hill** **-0.31%**  
3 councillors  
Electorate 6,561

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Whinfield & Brampton

+12.61%

2 councillors

Electorate 4,941

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H&C

-16.75%

2 councillors

Electorate 3,653

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9

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Rise Carr

-2.09%

2 councillors

Electorate 4,296

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10

●

Haughton & Red Hall

+8.54%

3 councillors

Electorate 7,144

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11

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Bank Top

+7.24%

3 councillors

Electorate 7,058

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12

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College & Blackwell

+9.30%

3 councillors

Electorate 7,194

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13

Firthmore & Skerne Park

+8.99%

3 councillors

Electorate 7,173

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Eastbourne

-13.03%

3 councillors

Electorate 5,724

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15

Hurworth

-24.63%

2 councillors

Electorate 3,307

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+5.40%

3 councillors

Electorate 6,937

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