

From: [Eldon Parish Council](#)
To: [reviews](#)
Subject: Durham County Council Electoral Review
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Dear Sir/Madam

I have been instructed by Eldon Parish Council to write to you in connection with its views concerning the electoral review of Durham County Council.

Eldon Parish sits within the Shildon and Dene Valley Division of the County Council which is currently served by three County Councillors. The Division is well populated and contains some areas of deprivation, of which Eldon is one.

Because of the numbers of County Councillors we have, the Parish Council is able to engage relatively easily with those Members and usually we have representation from the County Council at all our Parish Council meetings. If a specific County Councillor is unable to attend a meeting we usually find that another may be able to step in. Having these linkages is extremely important to the Parish Council both in terms of dialogue and the transmission of information both upwards and downwards with our existing Council structures.

We would be saddened if there were to be any significant changes to the Division in which the Parish Council currently sits and would be strongly opposed to any diminution in the number of County Councillors who currently represent the Parish Council area on the County Council.

Yours faithfully

Tom Bolton
Clerk to Eldon Parish Council