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Related subject: Alnwick Division

I have reviewed the Commission's suggested boundary for Alnwick Division to remain as a two councillor Division and fully agree with your recommendation. The geographical area proposed will allow the best fit for continued community cohesion and will continue to provide efficient and convenient local government.

There have been no significant changes within the area since the previous Commission decision to establish this Division on essentially the same boundary some years ago, which would change that view. There has been new housing, some changes to schools as a result of a shift from three tier to two tier education and some expansion of the employment sites, but overall the patterns and communications between communities have not altered.

To split Alnwick along an arbitrary line into unequal sections would greatly reduce the cohesion of local governance both from the County Council and Town Council perspectives. It would split the responsibility for Alnwick Town between county councillors to an uneven extent, and do nothing to uphold the historical and strong links with Alnmouth and Lesbury. It is accepted that due to overall population increase in the Division, that Denwick village will be moved into the Longhoughton Division to maintain balance, but overall the boundary and two councillor structure will remain the best compromise for efficient and convenient local government for the residents of Alnwick, Alnmouth and Lesbury.

Attached Documents:

None attached