

# Sunderland

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Good evening,

Please find attached a submission to the initial consultation on warding arrangements in Sunderland from the Wearside Liberal Democrats local party and the Liberal Democrats Group on Sunderland City Council.

If you need anything further, or anything in a different format, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes, Paul

## Attached Documents:

- Sunderland Initial consultation - July 2023 - Wearside Liberal Democrats submission.pdf

# **Warding arrangements in the Sunderland City Council area Initial consultation**

## **Wearside Liberal Democrats submission July 2023**

### Introduction

This is a joint submission from the Liberal Democrats group of councillors on Sunderland City Council and from the Wearside Liberal Democrats local party which is coterminous with the boundaries of the city of Sunderland metropolitan borough council.

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### Approach to this submission

Sunderland city council can be divided into three distinct areas: the urban settlement of Sunderland itself; the new town of Washington; and the former coalfield areas around Houghton-le-Spring and Hetton-le-Hole.

Wherever possible we have tried to keep these areas distinct to reflect distinct community identities within the city; as well as keeping the areas in Sunderland that are north of the River Wear separate as we do not feel it is practicable to cross the river in the east of the city where it is at its widest.

At the same time as respecting these distinct communities within the city council boundary, we have also been mindful of the need to balance the requirement for electoral equality.

We did not feel that taking an absolutist approach to not crossing the River Wear or A19 was practicable or sensible in coming to a balanced set of proposals. Not crossing the River Wear or A19 at any point in the city would lead to all wards west of the A19 in the Washington and Houghton areas being consistently and significantly under quota; whilst all wards east of the A19 and south of the River Wear would all have to be significant over quota. We do not feel that such an approach would be fair as it would not meet the requirement to deliver electoral equality for voters.

Whilst no set of warding arrangement will be perfect, we are presenting a set of balanced proposals that mean that ward boundaries would be sensible, that communities are represented in a cohesive manner and that all wards are within the 10% variance from the average electors per ward in 2029.

### *Technical notes:*

Where existing polling districts have been split, we have taken the existing number of electors in the sub-division of that polling district and applied the % increase in

electors across the whole polling district to that sub-division to create a projection of the number of electors in that sub-division in 2029.

### Summary of proposals

| <b>Proposed ward</b>          | <b>Seats</b> | <b>Electorate (2029)</b> | <b>Electors per councillor</b> | <b>Variance in 2029</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Barnes & Thornhill            | 3            | 9,524                    | 3,175                          | +7.6%                   |
| Central                       | 3            | 8,650                    | 2,883                          | -2.2%                   |
| Doxford                       | 3            | 9,428                    | 3,143                          | +6.5%                   |
| Farringdon & Silksworth       | 3            | 9,392                    | 3,131                          | +6.2%                   |
| Fulwell                       | 3            | 8,960                    | 2,987                          | +1.3%                   |
| Grangetown                    | 3            | 8,409                    | 2,803                          | -4.5%                   |
| Herrington                    | 3            | 8,485                    | 2,828                          | -4.1%                   |
| Hetton                        | 3            | 8,619                    | 2,873                          | -2.6%                   |
| Houghton North                | 3            | 9,431                    | 3,144                          | +6.6%                   |
| Houghton South & Hetton Downs | 3            | 8,685                    | 2,895                          | -1.8%                   |
| Hylton Castle                 | 3            | 9,277                    | 3,092                          | +4.8%                   |
| Pallion                       | 3            | 9,493                    | 3,164                          | +7.3%                   |
| Pennywell                     | 3            | 9,281                    | 3,094                          | +4.9%                   |
| Redhouse                      | 3            | 8,406                    | 2,802                          | -4.9%                   |
| Roker                         | 3            | 8,368                    | 2,789                          | -5.4%                   |
| Ryhope                        | 3            | 8,840                    | 2,947                          | -0.08%                  |
| Sandhill                      | 3            | 8,904                    | 2,968                          | +0.6%                   |
| Shiney Row                    | 3            | 9,658                    | 3,219                          | +9%                     |
| Southwick                     | 3            | 8,915                    | 2,972                          | +0.8%                   |
| Tunstall & Humbledon          | 3            | 8,088                    | 2,696                          | -8.5%                   |
| Washington Central            | 3            | 8,780                    | 2,927                          | -0.8%                   |
| Washington East               | 3            | 8,676                    | 2,892                          | -1.9%                   |
| Washington North              | 3            | 8,273                    | 2,758                          | -6.5%                   |
| Washington South              | 3            | 9,045                    | 3,015                          | +2.2%                   |
| Washington West               | 3            | 8,553                    | 2,851                          | -3.3%                   |

### Maps:

A map of our proposals is available to view using Google Maps here:

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## Ward by ward proposals:

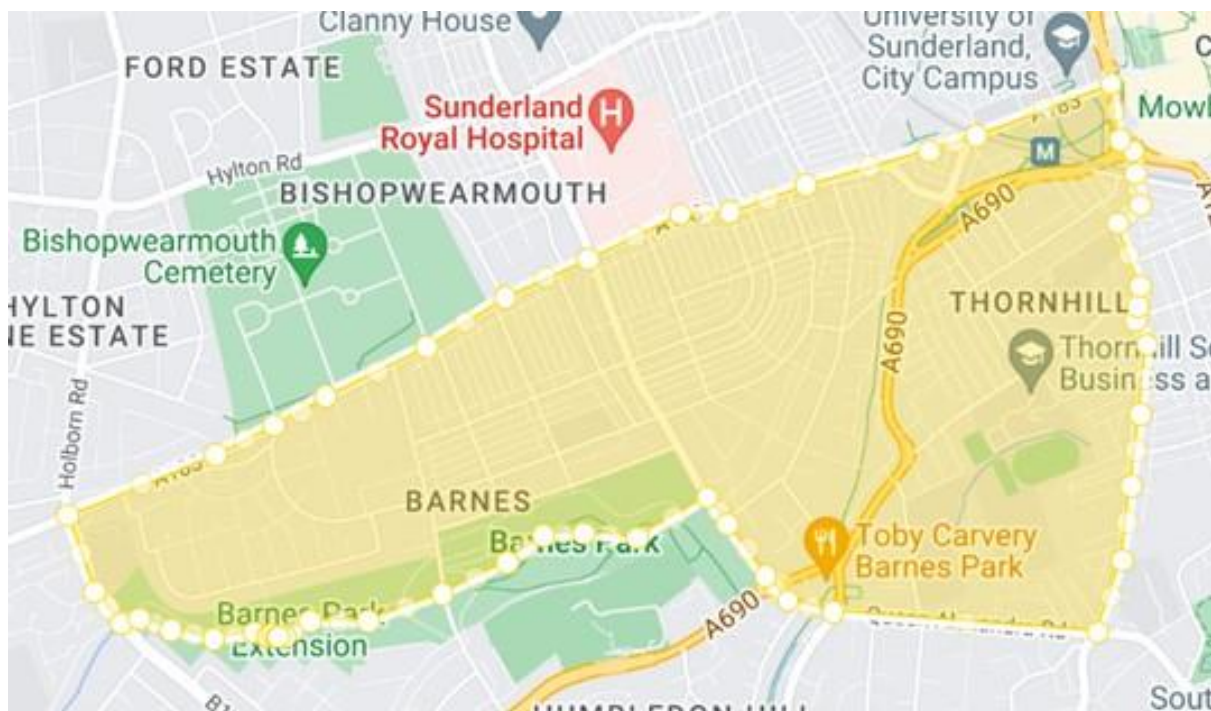
### **Barnes and Thornhill Ward**

#### *Overview:*

Our proposal for Barnes and Thornhill Ward includes the entire Barnes and High Barnes communities with Thornhill and nearby parts of Ashbrooke surrounding Thornhill School.

The ward contains the existing polling districts of A01, A02, A05 and J03, together with parts of the A04 polling district (north of Durham Road), P01 (north of Queen Alexandra Road), P03 (north of Queen Alexandra Road) and P02 (east of Tunstall Road).

#### *Map:*



#### *How does the proposal meet the criteria?*

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| Electoral equality                                | In 2029 the ward would have 9,524 electors with each councillor representing 3,175 electors. This represents a variance of +7.6%, well within the 10% threshold.                  |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity? | The ward contains the Barnes and High Barnes areas between Chester Road, Barnes Park and Durham Road; the Thornhill area between Chester Road and Thornholme Road; as well as the |

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|  | <p>neighbouring parts of Ashbrooke around Thornhill School.</p> <p>These are adjacent and cohesive communities.</p>   |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?                                  | <p>Chester Road is one of the main routes in and out of the city and is an obvious and identifiable boundary which separates the Barnes and Millfield areas.</p> <p>Queen Alexandra Road and Tunstall Road are also identifiable boundaries that will make it easy for residents to know which ward they live in depending on which side of these roads they live.</p>  |
| Are there good transport links?  | <p>It is easy to walk, drive and cycle between all parts of the ward.</p> <p>The ward would benefit from excellent bus links along the major roads of Chester Road, Durham Road and Tunstall Road in and out of the city centre. The 35, 99 and 18A services would provide east-west links along Barnes Park Road and Queen Alexandra Road.</p> <p>The former Hetton railway line cycle track provides walking and cycling links from the Barnes pub in the south to Chester Road in the north of the ward.</p> |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government? | <p>Councillors would represent an easily identifiable area including areas of similar housing types in the Barnes, Thornhill and Ashbrooke areas in the centre of the city.</p> <p>The ward would be one of the smallest in the city. As a result, despite being slightly over the target number of electors this would remain an easy to represent ward for councillors.</p>   |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?                     | <p>Thornholme Residents Association already represents people in this part of Thornhill, Ashbrooke and Barnes which are currently each represented by different wards.</p>  |

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|   | <p>This ward would have easy access to community groups and services provided at the likes of St Nicholas Church, St Gabriel's Church, and Elim Church on Durham Road.</p>  |
| <p>How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities?</p> | <p>Communities across both the Barnes and Thornhill areas are served by Thornhill secondary school, together with St Mary's, Barnes and Richard Avenue primary schools.</p>   |
| <p>Is there anything that binds this area as a community?</p>   | <p>These are similar parts of the city with predominantly terraced housing from the same era. Both look largely to the city centre due to their proximity to it and are linked by major routes in and out of the city centre via Chester, Durham and Tunstall Roads.</p> <p>Residents in all areas benefit from the amenities like Barnes Park, the former Hetton railway line cycle track and Burn Park.</p> |
| <p>Ward name</p>  | <p>The name represents the two main areas within the ward of Barnes and Thornhill, making it clear that councillors represent all of the Barnes area together with Thornhill and the parts of Ashbrooke bordering Thornhill School.</p>   |

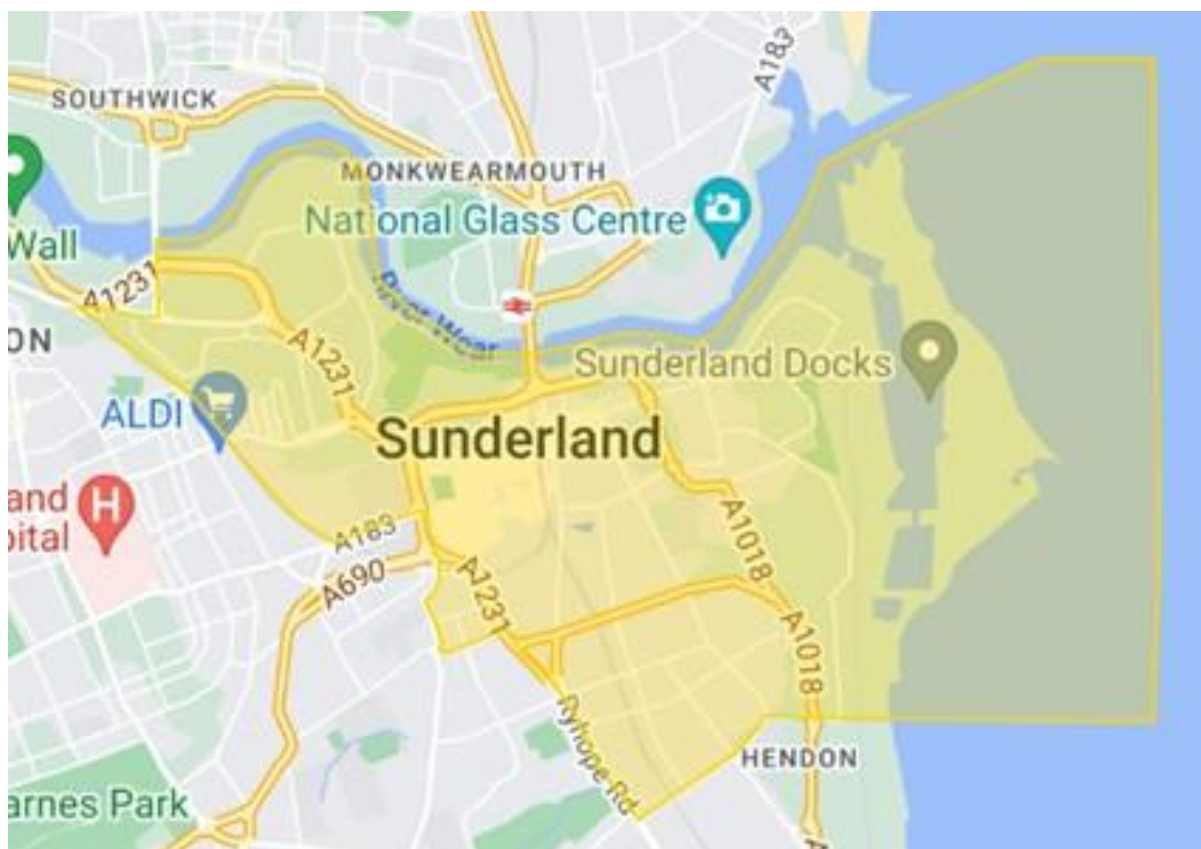
## Central Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Central Ward includes the entire city centre and the neighbouring areas in Millfield, Deptford, the East End and parts of Hendon and Ashbrooke.

The ward is comprised of the entire current polling districts of J04, J05, F01 and F02 together with parts of P02 (north of Belvedere Road and east of Stockton Road), F03 (north of Vilette Road) and F04 (north of Vilette Road).

### Map:



### How does the proposal meet the criteria?

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| Electoral equality                                | The Central Ward would have 8,650 electors in 2029 with each councillor representing 2,883 electors. This is very slightly under the average at a -2.2% variance.   |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity? | The ward would bring the entire city centre together in a single ward instead of being split between three wards. This would benefit the growing numbers of electors who are now living in the city centre compared to the last review. |

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|  | <p>In addition, ward councillors would represent a cohesive set of communities to the east, west and south of the city centre in the east of Millfield, the East End and Hendon to the south. All of these inner-city areas look to the city centre for most of their amenities due to their proximity to Sunderland's commercial centre.</p>   |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?  | <p>The ward has easily identifiable borders with the River Wear and the North Sea to the north and east respectively. To the east the ward boundary follows obvious boundaries of the railway line, Tunstall Road and Ryhope Road. To the south Vilette Road provides an easily identifiable boundary.</p>  |
| Are there good transport links?  | <p>The area benefits from excellent public transport links in and out of the city centre via the main routes along Hylton Road, Chester Road, Tunstall Road and Ryhope Road. In addition to services on these main routes to and from the city centre, the 10 and 11 bus routes provide direct links between eastern parts of Millfield, the East End and Hendon areas providing easy access between different parts of the ward.</p> |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | <p>This proposal will ensure that the city centre is represented in one ward instead of three, making it easier to co-ordinate services and projects in the city centre; as well as in the neighbouring areas of Hendon, East End and eastern parts of Millfield.</p>   |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | <p>There are a range of community groups that offer services in the Hendon and East End areas including CHANCE, Back on the Map, the Donnison School and Young Asian Voices.</p> <p>Central Ward would also be served by St Mark's Community Association where Millfield Residents Association also meets.</p>  |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | <p>Due to its proximity, most residents look to the city centre for their services and shopping facilities. There are a range of medical facilities at Millfield Medical</p>  |



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|  | <p>Centre and River View Health Centre on either side of the city centre.</p> <p>Schools serving the city centre and surrounding areas include Thornhill Secondary School together with Hudson Road and Valley Road primary schools.</p> |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community? | <p>The proximity to the city centre binds these communities which are all similar in nature being largely comprised of Victorian terraced housing.</p>   |
| Ward name  | <p>Calling the ward 'Central Ward' would make it clear that it is based around the city centre and its neighbouring communities without the need to include all of these places in a ward name.</p>                                      |

## Doxford Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Doxford Ward includes the Doxford Park area and its satellite estates of Moorside, East Moorside, Potters Hill, Chapelgarth, Burdon Vale, Mill Hill, Hall Farm, Thristley Wood, the village and parish of Burdon and the adjoining parts of Silksworth.

The Ward would include the existing polling districts of D01, D02, D04 and D05 together with the part of T05 polling district south of Silksworth Road and the part of D05 polling district west of Burdon Road.

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| Electoral equality                                | The ward would have 9428 electors in 2029, slightly over the average with a variance of +6.5%  |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity? | The ward includes all of the communities that naturally consider themselves to be part of the Doxford area. These focus on the relatively new housing developments around Doxford Park Way, Mill Hill Road and Doxford |

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|   | <p>Road. This includes the estates of Moorside, East Moorside, Doxford Park, Knightswood, Broadway Grange, Mill Hill, Hall Farm, Thristley Wood, Burdon Vale, Chapelgarth and Potters Hill.</p> <p>All of these areas look to Doxford Park shops in and around Morrisons for their local centre.</p> <p>The proposal also includes the entire parish of Burdon to the south which includes the newly developed parts of the parish in the north and the older Burdon village and hamlets in the south.</p> <p>The southern parts of Silksworth to the south of Silksworth Lane are brought together in one ward. These areas share amenities like parks, allotments and shops with the neighbouring areas of Doxford to the south.</p> |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable? | <p>The ward has a clear boundary to the north of Silksworth Lane/Terrace which makes it easy to identify where the Doxford ward begins and ends. To the East the main roads of Burdon Lane and Nettles Lane provide a clear, easy to identify boundary. To the south/south-west the boundary follows the Burdon parish boundary and then the A19 and B1286. Again, these are main roads and easy to identify and natural boundaries.</p>   |
| Are there good transport links?         | <p>The 4, 12 and 13 bus services provide links within the different parts of the Doxford Park area: with the 12 and 13 also providing direct links between the Doxford area and Silksworth Road/Silksworth Terrace, providing easy access between different parts of the ward.</p> <p>The 39 provides an additional comprehensive east-west route directly linking Moorside and East Moorside in the west of the ward, through the centre of the ward and up to the edges of the Tunstall village green area in the north-east of the ward.</p>  |

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| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | The proposal will bring significant improvements to the current arrangements in this area, by removing the parts of Ryhope that are included in Doxford Ward despite not having any affinity to Doxford.   |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | The Box Youth Project provides a community centre facility with a range of activities and services for the areas contained in this proposed ward. Silksworth Youth and Community Centre also provides similar services in the northern end of the district.  |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | <p>The ward is centred around local shops and services that are located in the Doxford Park centre area in and around Morrisons supermarket. This is the focal point for the communities in this ward, with additional provision provided along Silksworth Terrace.</p> <p>Doxford Park is the main recreational space for both the north Silksworth and Doxford parts of the ward. Both areas also share facilities like allotments between Ruswarp Drive and Pembroke Avenue. All parts of the ward are served by the nearby Venerable Bede secondary school, with a range of feeder primary schools spread across the area.</p> |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community?   | All the communities in this ward share a local supermarket, shops, amenities and green spaces which bring the southern and northern parts of the ward together.  |
| Ward name  | Doxford provide a concise name to describe the various new build estates around Doxford Park which dominate the ward. Doxford is a widely understood way of describing this entire area and seems the most appropriate name for the ward rather than singling out specific estates or communities.   |

## Farrington and Silksworth Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Farrington and Silksworth Ward includes the entire estates of Farrington and Gilley Law/Lakeside together with the vast majority of the Silksworth area.

The ward is comprised of the existing polling districts of O01, O02, O04, T03 and T04, together with part of T05 (north of Silksworth Lane/Terrace) and O03 (the streets of Atlantis Road, Andrew Road, Antwerp Road and Arkle Road).

### Map:



### How does the proposal meet the criteria?

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| Electoral equality                                | The ward would have 9,392 electors in 2029 – a variance of +6.2% which is well within the 10% tolerance.   |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity? | <p>This proposal brings together the post war council estate of Farrington, the tower blocks and more recent homes in the Gilley Law/Lakeside area before entering the communities of Silksworth/New Silksworth.</p> <p>These are neighbouring areas with strong links to the east and west, shared community facilities and spaces.</p> |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?           | Silksworth Road provides a very clear and identifiable boundary along the entire southern side of the ward. The green spaces around Silksworth sports  |

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|  | <p>complex and Tunstall Hill provides a clear break in communities to the north of the ward, with North Moor Road and Durham Road providing obvious boundaries to the west.</p> <p>The western boundary follows the easily identifiable boundary between the post war estate of Farringdon and the more recent private streets nearby which are identifiable locally as being part of East Herrington rather than Farringdon.</p>  |
| Are there good transport links?  | <p>The 12 and 13 bus routes provide regular circular routes which service the main population and shopping centres in Silksworth, Farringdon and Gilley Law - making it easy to travel between the different parts of this ward. The 3 bus service also provides links between different parts of Farringdon and Gilley Law.</p> <p>The 35 bus links the southern part of Farringdon with Silksworth along Silksworth Road, Blind Lane and Warwick Terrace.</p> <p>The 2 bus route provides an additional circular service within the Silksworth area and links through to the Tunstall village area in the very east of the ward.</p> |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government? | <p>This proposal will improve the existing arrangements in these areas by separating the distinct and different communities of Farringdon and Herrington.</p> <p>The boundary would allow issues on green spaces around Silksworth Lake and on green space south of Gilley Law to be represented effectively in one electoral ward.</p> <p>The proposal keeps the vast majority of the Silksworth area together and coupling it with adjacent area which are closer and flow into one another. This is not the case in the current Silksworth Ward where communities in Tunstall, Ashbrooke and Plains Farm are</p>                    |

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|  | included with Silksworth despite there being large distances and settlement breaks between them.   |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | <p>Youth Almighty provides existing youth services in the Silksworth, Farringdon and Gilley Law areas and would be able to do so more effectively if they are represented in one ward.</p> <p>There are a range of churches and community spaces in the estate of Farringdon and in Silksworth centre.</p>   |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | <p>All parts of the ward share recreational facilities around Silksworth lake and the neighbouring sports complex. In addition to shopping and medical facilities in Silksworth itself, both communities are served by the Sainsbury's supermarket to the north of this area.</p> <p>All of the communities are also served by shops, restaurants and the community police and fire stations at North Moor. A retail park is currently being developed in this location which will also be easily accessible by people in all parts of this proposed ward.</p> |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community?   | As outlined above, the community is brought together by excellent transport links, shops and recreational facilities that both sides of the ward look to and which all of these communities together.  |
| Ward name  | The largest settlements on either side of the ward are Silksworth and Farringdon. We do not believe it would create an easily identifiable ward name for residents by choosing just one of these names and so we have included both in the ward name for clarity.  |

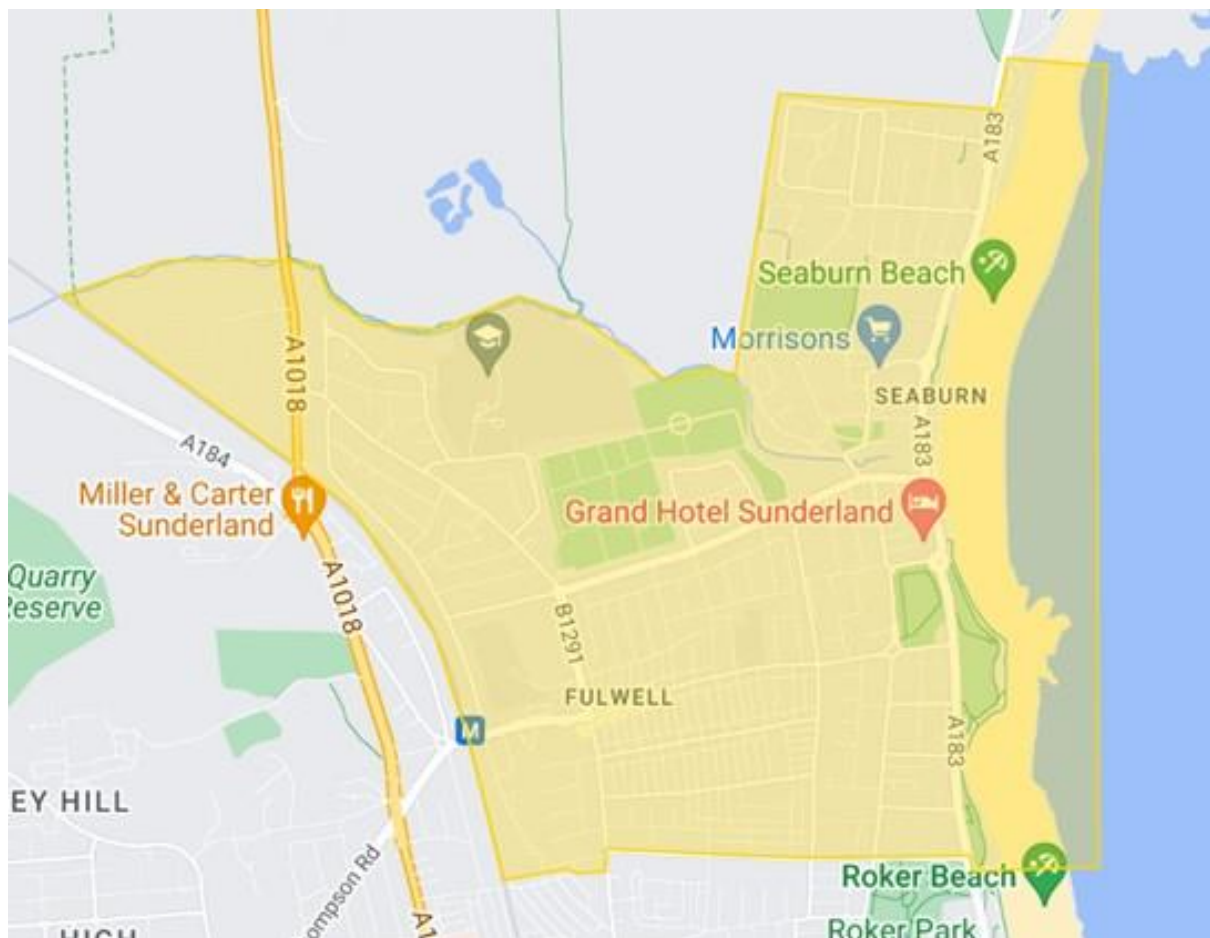
## Fulwell Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Fulwell Ward includes the vast majority of the area identified by local people as Fulwell together with Seaburn and South Bents estate.

This ward contains the existing polling districts of E01, E02, E05 and parts of E03 (north of Rushcliffe), E04 (east of the railway line), Q05 (north of Side Cliff Road) and Q04 (north of Side Cliff Road).

### Map:



### How does the proposal meet the criteria?

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| Electoral equality                                | The ward in 2029 would contain 8,960 electors, with each councillor representing 2,987 electors.<br><br>This represents a variance of +1.3%. |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity? | The assets that bring the community together and provide a focus for common interests and activities such as Mere Knolls Cemetery, Sea Road  |



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|  | <p>shopping parade, Seaburn Recreation Ground would be cared for by local councillors from the same ward.</p> <p>Additionally, the consistent style of 1930s bay windowed Semi-Detached homes across the two estates, and the name of the well-used nearby Metro station “Seaburn” has blurred the lines between where Seaburn begins and Fulwell ends, potentially leading to negative outcomes if the estates are separated at a ward level.</p>   |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?                                  | <p>The ward is bordered to the north by the council boundary between Sunderland and South Tyneside; to the east by the North Sea; to the south by Side Cliff Road and to the south of Rushcliffe and to the north of Primrose Crescent and Laburnum Road; and to the west by the railway line.</p> <p>These represent clear, consistent and easy to identify boundaries for people to recognise.</p> <p>Whilst there is no hard and fast border between the communities for Fulwell and Seaburn to the north and Roker to the south, Side Cliff Road provides a generally accepted mid-point between the two communities and is clearer than the existing boundary between Fulwell and St Peter’s wards.</p> |
| Are there good transport links?  | <p>There are excellent local transport links between these suburbs of Sunderland, with regular north-south and east-west links between different part of the wards served by Stagecoach’s 18, 23, E1, E2 and E6 services.</p>  |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government? | <p>The railway lines passing through the area provide a hard boundary between Fulwell and the estate off Newcastle Road to the west. Sharing a ward across a railway line, with limited crossing would not allow for community cohesion or effective local representation.</p>   |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?                     | <p>Fulwell Community Library, 607 Squadron Royal Air Force Air Cadets</p>  |

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|  | and Fulwell Methodist Church provide a range of local services, community groups and youth activities for residents of Seaburn, South Bents and Fulwell.   |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | Sea Road which the vast majority of residents use for basic services like banking, groceries and repairs is a natural focal point for Fulwell, South Bents and Seaburn, with Fulwell Juniors and Fulwell Infant schools at either end, where the majority of children from all three estates attend. |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community?   | 1930s Bay-Windowed Semi Detached housing and terraced bungalows on the Fulwell Terraces, which look onto Sea Road.   |
| Ward name  | 'Fulwell' clearly differentiates the ward from the neighbouring settlements of Roker and Southwick. Fulwell is the largest single community in the ward. Fulwell has been a ward name in this area for many years.   |

## Grangetown Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Grangetown Ward includes the entire Grangetown area with Hill View and parts of Hollycarrside, Hendon and small parts of neighbouring Ashbrooke.

The ward is comprised of the existing polling districts of F05, M01, P04 and P05 along with parts of F03 (south of Vilette Road), F04 (south of Vilette Road) and M02 (west of Fenside Road, north of Lynden Road and west of Rye View Road).

### Map:



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| Electoral equality | The Grangetown ward would have an electorate in 2029 of 8,409. This |
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|   | represents a variance of -4.5%, well within the permitted limits.  |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity? | <p>The ward is based around Grangetown commercial centre and includes neighbouring areas from this centre to the north, west and south – all of which naturally look towards Grangetown for local amenities.</p> <p>We believe that it is a natural fit for the areas of Hill View, southern parts of Hendon, Hollycarrside and southern parts of Ashbrooke to be included with nearby Grangetown.</p>   |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?           | <p>Villette Road is an easily identifiable main road which provides a clear marker for the boundary between Grangetown and Central wards.</p> <p>The ward boundary follows naturally on from Villette Road to the west up The Cedars, Ashbrooke Range, Linden Gardens and Greystoke Avenue, providing a clear, straight boundary all the way from the coast to Leechmere Road.</p> <p>From here, Leechmere Road and Tollbar Road provide an obvious boundary until the estate of Hollycarrside to the south. Whilst we recognise that it is not ideal to split Hollycarrside between the Grangetown and Ryhope Wards, we believe that our proposal balances the requirements for identifiable communities with electoral equality in the best possible way in this area.</p> |
| Are there good transport links?                   | <p>The 10, 11, 18 and 39 bus routes provide a fairly comprehensive coverage across the proposed ward, giving good access between Grangetown shopping centre and the neighbouring parts of Hill View, Ashbrooke and Hendon.</p> <p>The 2/2A service provides a circular service which links Hollycarrside with Ryhope Road and Leechmere Road providing easily accessible public</p>  |

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|  | transport around the southern part of the ward.  |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | This proposal will make it easier for councillors to represent communities in this area. At the moment the wider Grangetown area is split between Hendon, Ryhope and St Michael's Wards which can make it difficult for Grangetown to get the attention and co-ordinated effort that it needs.   |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | Community facilities are provided at schools and churches across the area. St Michael's Community Centre provides services and facilities to the west of the ward, with community groups like Back on the Map doing the same for the north-eastern half of the ward in the Hendon area.  |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | <p>All communities in this area are served by Southmoor secondary school, which is a natural focal point for all communities represented within this boundary.</p> <p>Shopping facilities, pubs, restaurant and social clubs are largely provided in the commercial centre of Grangetown. All of the communities are also well served by the large ASDA supermarket on Leechmere Road, as well as the retail parks around Salterfen Road to the South.</p> |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community?   | The area is bound together by communities naturally looking towards Grangetown centre for shops and local amenities. There are excellent transport links along the main roads of Commercial Road, Ryhope Road, Leechmere Road, Queen Alexandra Road and Toll Bar Road – all of which act as spokes to and from Grangetown Centre. These roads bring the communities together towards the centre at Grangetown.   |
| Ward name  | Grangetown is the largest single community in this proposed ward and provided a sensible name that people can relate to without resorting to naming each estate or community in the ward.  |

## Herrington Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Herrington Ward includes the communities of East and Middle Herrington, West Herrington, New Herrington and Herrington Burn alongside the neighbouring villages of Philadelphia and Newbottle.

The ward is comprised of the existing polling districts of S04, C05, C06, H05, O05 and parts of O03 (all streets except the Farringdon streets of Antwerp Road, Atlantis Road, Arkle Road and Andrew Road).

### Map:



### How does the proposal meet the criteria?

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| Electoral equality                                | There will be 8,485 electors in this ward in 2029 with each councillor representing 2828 electors. This represents a slight variance of 4.1% under the target figure. |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity? | The proposed Herringtons ward brings together the distinct communities of East and Middle Herrington, West Herrington and New Herrington                              |

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|   | <p>alongside the village communities of Newbottle and Philadelphia.</p> <p>Whilst these areas do have their own proud identities, they are identifiably all part of the wider 'Herrington area' which share lots of history, transport links, facilities and their own sense of being villages or distinct communities rather than mere suburbs of Sunderland itself.</p>   |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable? | <p>The ward uses the Herrington Burn as a boundary which is an identifiable natural border between the communities of New Herrington and Philadelphia and nearby Shiney Row.</p> <p>Both Philadelphia and Newbottle are identifiable village communities with distinct identities from nearby Houghton-le-Spring or Shiney Row.</p> <p>Similarly, East and Middle Herrington is a distinct community with a village feel, based around the former village centre at the junction of the A690 and the B1286. The settlement includes 1960s private suburban housing, which is distinct from the 1950s council homes that form the nearby estates of Thorney Close and Farrington, both of which have a distinct identity and feel from East Herrington. This is why we have suggested having a clear border between Herrington and these two estates.</p> <p>The A690 and B1286 provide obvious and identifiable boundaries to the south; whilst the eastern boundary follows the boundary between the post-war estate of Farrington and neighbouring streets in East Herrington. This boundary is clear and obvious to local people in the area based on housing type and tenure.</p> |
| Are there good transport links?         | <p>The ward would enjoy two major road links between East &amp; Middle Herrington to the east of the A19 and West Herrington, New Herrington, Philadelphia and Newbottle to the west. This would be via the A690 trunk road</p>   |

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|  | <p>and Herrington Road (B1286) which links the Herringtons.</p> <p>The regular 35/35A bus links both communities together via a regular bus service to the main population centres at Houghton town centre and Sunderland city centre, serving all the distinct communities of this ward as the bus runs through Newbottle, Philadelphia, New Herrington, West Herrington and East/Middle Herrington.</p> <p>The 39 bus route provides an additional east-west route serving the vast majority of the East Herrington area and its village centre with the neighbouring communities of New and West Herrington.</p> |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | <p>This proposal will allow the distinct communities of East &amp; Middle Herrington, West Herrington, New Herrington, Newbottle and Philadelphia to retain their own sense of identity by bringing them together in a ward with similar areas, rather than being subsumed into either the town of Houghton, the wider Shiney Row area or the suburbs of Sunderland.</p> <p>This will allow for each village's unique needs and identities to be reflected by councillors in one electoral ward.</p>  |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | <p>The area has a range of thriving and independent community groups and organisations including 1<sup>st</sup> Herrington Scouts at New Herrington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Herrington Scouts at East Herrington, Philadelphia Cricket Club, Friends of West Park. There is also a thriving local history group sharing memories and artefacts about the shared history and heritage of Philadelphia, Newbottle and the Herringtons.</p>  |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | <p>West Park and Herrington Country Park are the major recreational areas that are shared and widely used by residents in all parts of the proposed ward.</p>   |



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|  | <p>Shopping facilities and pubs are provided in village centres at Newbottle and East Herrington, as well as along the B1286 through West Herrington and New Herrington.</p> <p>Herrington Medical Centre in Philadelphia provides local medical facilities.</p> |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community? | The recreational facilities, transport links and independent community feel of each village or area bring them together.   |
| Ward name  | Herrington can be attributed to East & Middle Herrington, West Herrington, New Herrington and Herrington Burn which make up the majority of the population of this ward.   |

## Hetton Ward

### Overview:

The ward includes the majority of the town of Hetton-le-Hole together with Easington Lane, Low Moorsley and High Moorsley. The ward is coterminous with the Hetton Town Council wards of Hetton and Easington Lane. We propose splitting the existing East Rainton and Moorsley town council ward along the existing polling district division and including the Low and High Moorsley areas in this ward.

The ward is contained from the existing polling districts of G01, G02, G04 and G05.

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### How does the proposal meet the criteria?

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| Electoral equality                                | The ward offers excellent electoral equality with 8,619 electors projected for 2029 (a variance of -2.6%) whilst minimising disruption to the Hetton Town Council ward boundaries. |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity? | The ward reflects the communities, city boundaries and parish ward boundaries in the far south-west of the city of Sunderland.   |

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|  | <p>Moorsley and Easington Lane are well established parts of the Hetton Town Council area and look to Hetton town centre for amenities and a commercial centre.</p>   |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?                                  | <p>The boundaries to the west, south and east follow the extremities of the city council boundary.</p> <p>This ward enables local people to easily identify that the distinct communities of Moorside, Easington Lane and outlying hamlets continue to be part of the Hetton Town Council area by being included with the majority of Hetton itself.</p> <p>The existing boundaries of Hetton Downs parish ward continue to be respected allowing for continuity in the community of where the boundary for the city council ward lies.</p> |
| Are there good transport links?  | <p>There are excellent road links and bus services between different parts of the ward, focused on Hetton bus interchange.</p> <p>The X1 provides direct links between Easington Lane and Hetton. The 35 routes provides links between parts of Hetton, the town centre and Moorsley.</p>   |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government? | <p>This proposal allows the lion's share of the Hetton area to be represented in one electoral ward.</p> <p>Whilst there would be a small change to the warding arrangements for Hetton Town Council this would follow existing polling districts and would be easy to implement.</p> <p>The Hetton Downs area would continue to be represented in a different city council ward, continuing the current arrangement.</p>   |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?                     | <p>Community groups available in all parts of the ward – for example Easington Lane Community Access Point, Moorsley &amp; District CIC and the Nidderdale Centre on Peat Carr Estate.</p>  |

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| <p>How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities?</p> | <p>Hetton School is the main secondary school in the area which serves all the areas contained in this ward. There are several primary schools across the communities.</p> <p>Shopping, medical facilities and other amenities are provided for in Hetton town centre – all of which are easily accessible and identifiable by all parts of the ward.</p> |
| <p>Is there anything that binds this area as a community?</p>   | <p>The communities in this ward roll into one another and are widely recognised as being part of the wider Hetton area and the Hetton Town Council area and all look to Hetton for facilities and amenities.</p>  |
| <p>Ward name</p>  | <p>Hetton is the main population centre and name of the town council and so we are not proposing to change or expand the ward name.</p>   |

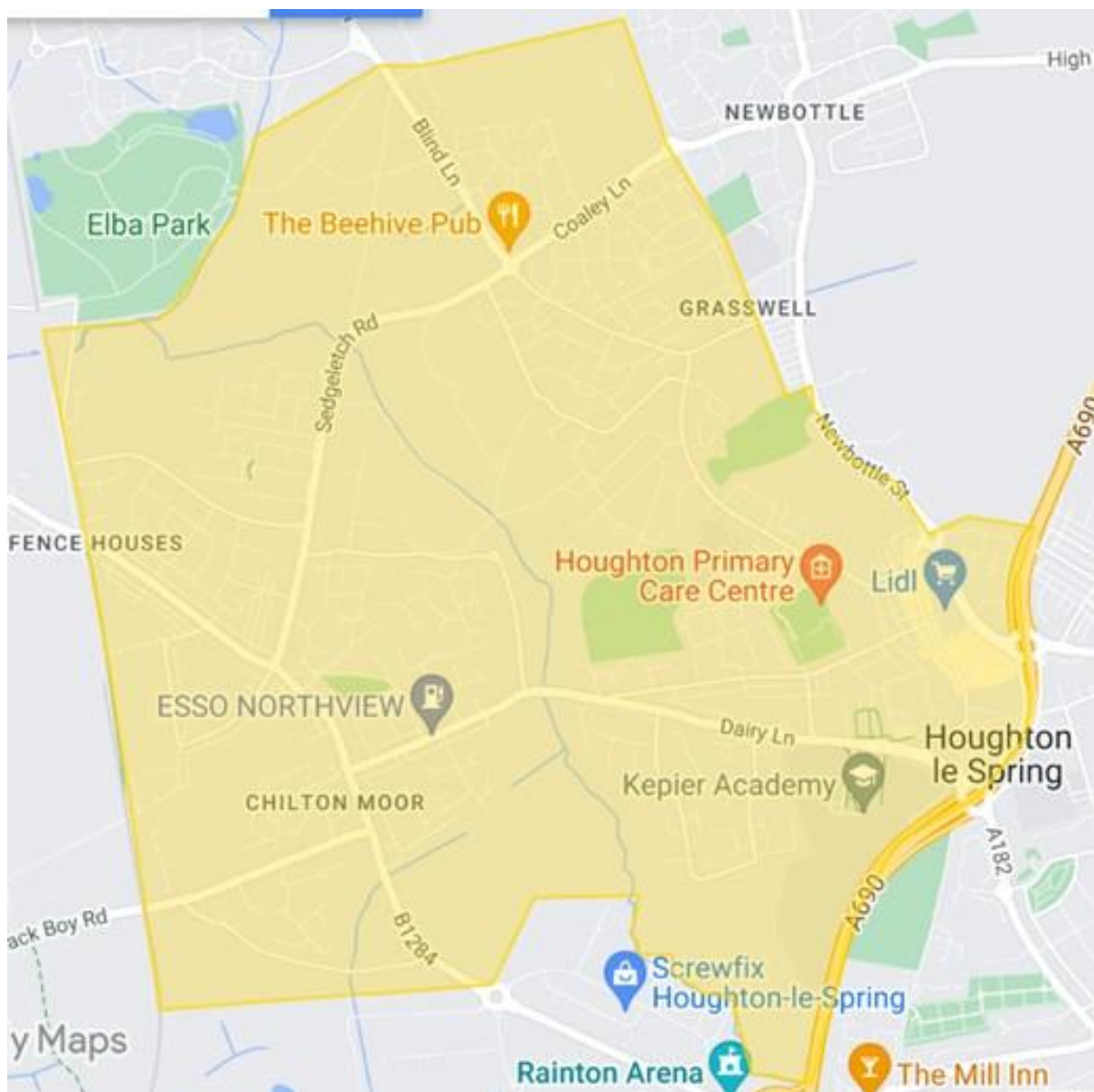
## Houghton North

### Overview:

The Houghton North ward includes parts of Houghton town that lie west of the A690, west of Newbottle village and north of the Hetton Town Council parish boundary to the south. This includes the communities of Fencehouses and Chilton Moor.

The ward is comprised of the existing polling districts of H01, H02 and H03 together with the majority of the existing H04 polling district that lie south of Herrington Burn and the east end of Whitworth Park Drive.

### Map:



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| Electoral equality   | The ward will have 9,431 electors in 2029. Whilst this is slightly over target at a +6.6% variance, this is well within the 10% limit and ensures that the proposal is balanced with easy to identify boundaries.  |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity?  | The ward wholly contains communities that would describe themselves as being part of the town of Houghton, and which naturally look to Houghton town centre in the south east of the ward.   |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?  | The ward boundary is largely along the A690 to the south which provides a clear and obvious boundary along the areas of population in the ward. The city boundary forms the western boundary, with the natural settlement gap between the town of Houghton and the estates of Shiney Row / Elba Park area in the north providing a natural boundary. To the east the ward respects the boundary between Houghton suburbs and the village of Newbottle. |
| Are there good transport links?  | The 20/20A service links Chilton Moor, Dairy Lane Estate and Houghton Town centre. The 35/35A service provides north/south links across the ward serving Blind Lane and Brinkburn Crescent.  |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | This ward will allow communities that are all part of Houghton to be represented together.   |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | The ward would be served by community facilities in Houghton town centre   |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | The ward is served by Houghton Kepier secondary school together with Dubmire, Newbottle and Burnside Academy Primary schools. Shops, leisure facilities, pubs, restaurants, the local police station, parks and recreational facilities and Houghton Primary Care Centre serve the entire ward from the Houghton town centre area. Kepier Medical Practice in the heart of the ward provides GP services.  |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community?   | The community is bound together by being integral parts of the town of Houghton which have a collective identity and shared services.  |

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| Ward name | Houghton North makes it clear that the whole ward is part of Houghton north / west of the A690. |
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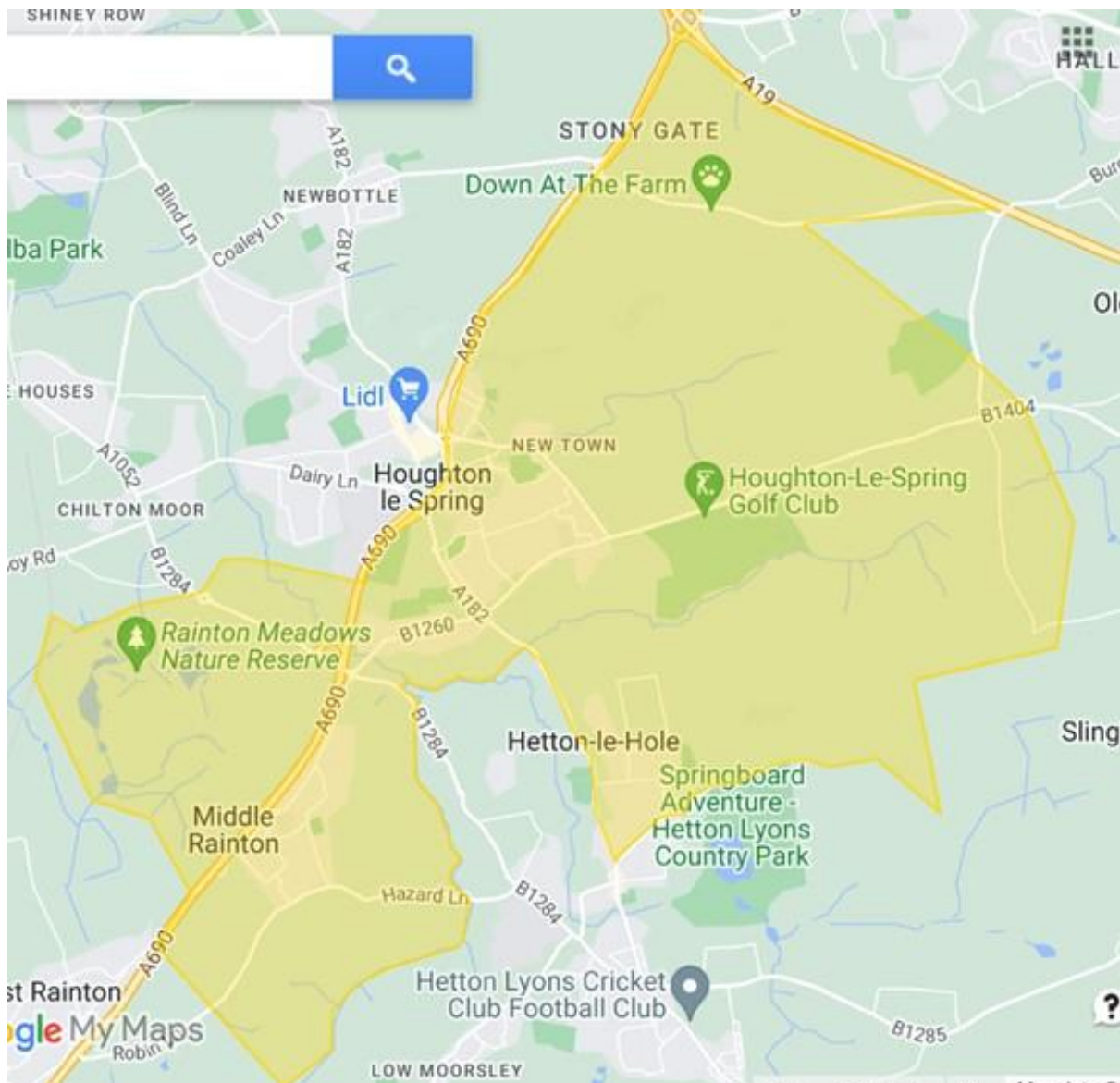
## Houghton South and Hetton Downs Ward

### Overview:

The ward includes the parts of Houghton town east and south of the A690 together with the parished areas of East Rainton and Rainton Bridge in the existing G03 polling district together with the Hetton Downs ward of Hetton Town Council.

The ward is comprised of the existing polling districts of G03, C01, C02, C03 and C04, together with the parts of the C05 polling district that lie east of the A690 and south of the A19.

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| Electoral equality   | The proposal delivers excellent electoral equality with 8685 electors in 2029, slightly under the threshold by 1.8%   |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity?                        | The ward represents the south-eastern half of the town of Houghton-le-Spring, including the neighbouring areas of Rainton Bridge and Hetton Downs which run into one another without major settlement breaks. The addition of the distinct village of community of East Rainton   |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?                                  | <p>The A690 marks a clear boundary making it clear for people living in the Houghton area that if they live south-east of the main road then they are in this ward.</p> <p>The Hetton Downs parish ward is already in a separate city council electoral ward to the rest of Hetton. Continuing this boundary will make it easy for people to continue to know where the boundary is.</p> <p>Whilst residents are unlikely to know where the exact boundary of the extremities of the city council are, people will be easily able to identify where East Rainton starts and finishes, and that it is a part of this ward.</p> |
| Are there good transport links?  | <p>The A690 provides links by road to all parts of the ward within minutes.</p> <p>There are good public transport links with the 20/20A bus service linking East Rainton, Rainton Bridge and the Houghton parts of ward as it runs through Gillas Lane/B1260 and Seaham Road, as well as Houghton Town Centre.</p>   |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government? | <p>This proposal keeps large parts of Houghton together in one ward, as well as including the part of Hetton nearest to and with the strongest links to Houghton, together with East Rainton which also looks to Houghton for its main services and amenities.</p> <p>Whilst there would be a small change to the warding arrangements for Hetton</p>   |

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|  | <p>Town Council this would follow existing polling districts and would be easy to implement.</p> <p>The Hetton Downs area would continue to be represented in a different city council ward, continuing the current arrangement.</p> <p>The distinct community of East Rainton is included with Houghton town rather than with Hetton. However, the village maintains its own identity, largely looks to Durham city for amenities and is as close to Houghton as it is the Hetton.</p> |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | The ward represents community facilities in the distinct communities of East Rainton and Hetton Downs, as well as a range of churches, community groups and social clubs in the parts of Houghton east of the A690.   |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | All parts of the ward would be served by Hetton and Houghton Kepier Secondary Schools, together with a range of primary schools throughout the area. All parts of the ward look to Houghton town centre and Hetton town centre for shopping and leisure facilities. As all parts of the ward share these two main commercial centres it will be easy and sensible for councillors to represent the ward.  |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community?   | All parts of the ward are part of the coalfield area where many people identify themselves as being part of County Durham rather than the city of Sunderland. All of the communities share services and amenities in Houghton and Hetton, as well as looking to Durham City for larger shops and services.  |
| Ward name  | Houghton South helps to easily identify that people living south of the A690 – including East Rainton - are in this ward, together with the Hetton Downs part of Hetton.  |

## Hylton Castle Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Hylton Castle Ward includes the vast majority of Hylton Castle estate (and the castle itself) together with the neighbouring communities of Town End Farm, Castletown and North Hylton.

The ward contains the existing polling districts of B01, B02 and B04 and parts of B03 (west of Canterbury Road and south of Cranleigh Road) and L01 (west of Downhill Lane).

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| Electoral equality   | The ward in 2029 would contain 9,277 electors, with each councillor representing 3,092 electors. This represents a variance of +4.8%, well within the threshold.  |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity?                        | Hylton Castle, Castletown and Town End Farm are suburban areas with different identity and interests to Southwick and Carley Hill which is a transitional area between the suburbs and the city centre. This difference should be reflected at a ward level to help the council deliver effective government. |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?                                  | The Northern Spire bridge and Hylton Lane to the East, the River Wear to the South and the A19 to the West provide easily identifiable hard boundaries for the ward.  |
| Are there good transport links?  | The 3, 12, 13 and 99 bus services provide good links within the estates in the ward and along main transport routes to the city centre.   |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government? | Splitting the ward across either the river or the A19 with limited places to cross would lead to negative outcomes for effective local government. This proposal solves the current anomaly where Town End Farm is split between 2 wards.   |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?                     | Hylton Castle, Hylton Castle Primary School, Town End Farm Residents Association, Town End Farm Community Centre and Castletown Community Centre provide a range of local services, community groups and youth activities for residents in Town End Farm, Hylton Castle and Castletown.                       |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure  | The shops at Chiswick Square are used by the vast majority of residents for basic services and are a natural focal point for Hylton Castle estate. There is a   |

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| facilities, shopping and medical facilities?           | <p>similar small shopping centre at Blackwood Road, as well as in the centre of Castletown.</p> <p>These commercial centres are not replicated in the neighbouring estates of Downhill and Redhouse.</p> |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community? | The areas in this ward are brought together by their geographical location in the far west of Sunderland and enjoy considerable shared green spaces and community groups.                                |
| Ward name  | Hylton Castle represents both the castle itself and the neighbouring housing estate at the centre of the ward and is less ambiguous than just 'Castle'.  |

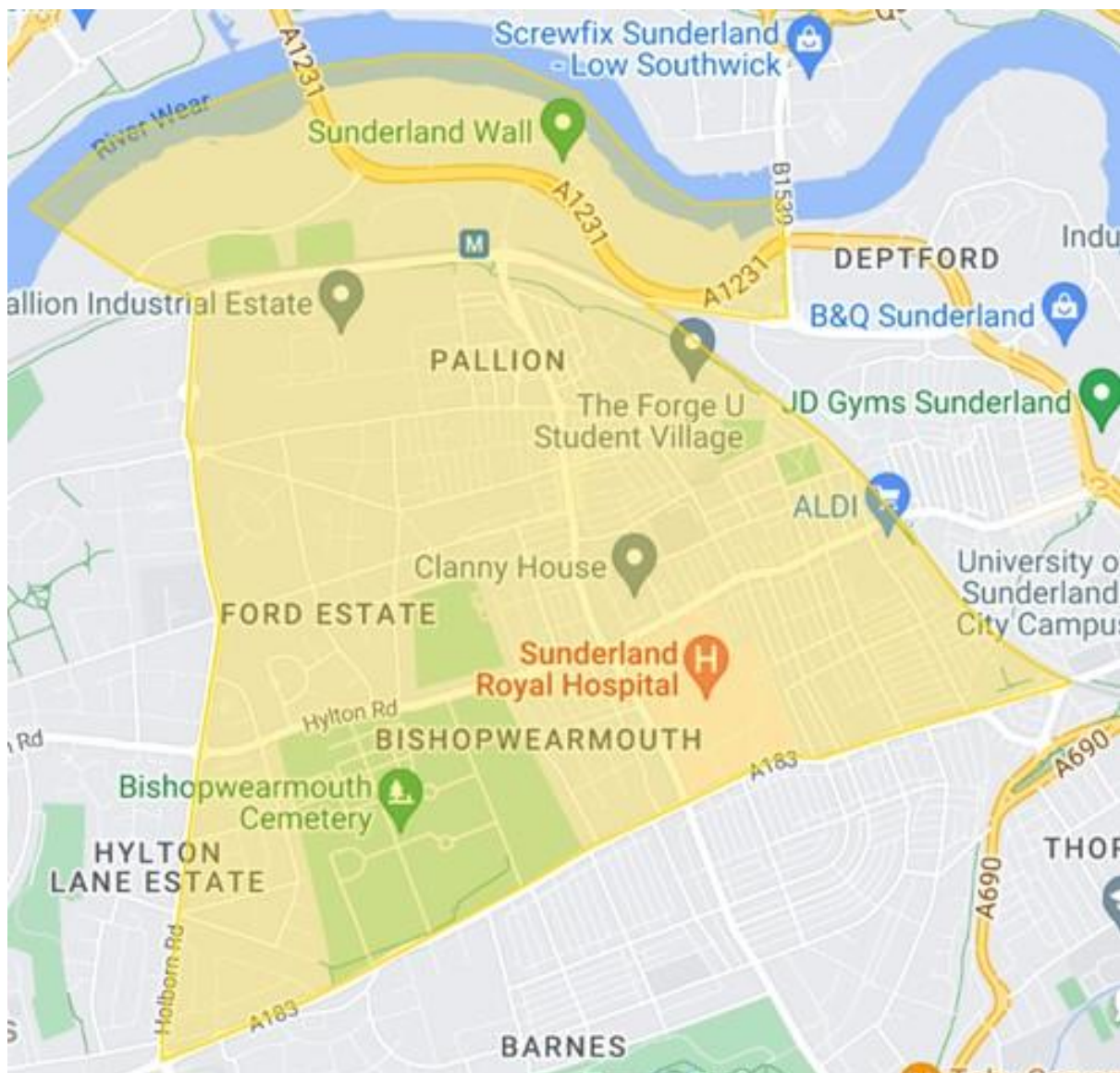
## Pallion Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Pallion Ward includes the entire community of Pallion, the majority of Ford Estate, the majority of Millfield and half of Hylton Lane Estate.

The ward is comprised of the existing polling districts of J01, J02, K03, K04 and K05 with part of K02 east of Holborn Road/Front Road.

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| Electoral equality | This ward would be +7.3% above the target with 9,493 electors in 2029. Whilst this is within the higher end of the tolerance, it is still well within the 10% |
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|  | and is justified by the very clear boundaries and obvious community connections.   |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity?                        | <p>The ward is centred around the commercial centre of Pallion which lies at the geographic centre.</p> <p>The adjacent communities of Ford Estate, St Gabriel's and Millfield merge into Pallion from the west, south and east respectively without any clear boundaries between these areas, making these communities a natural fit together.</p>  |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?                                  | <p>The ward follows natural, obvious and easily identifiable boundaries on all sides: the river to the north, railway line to the east, Chester Road to the south and Holborn Road/Front Road to the West. This will make it very easy for residents to identify the ward boundaries.</p> <p>Chester Road is a natural boundary between Barnes to the south and the Millfield/Pallion areas to the north. We believe that this should continue to be reflected to make it easy for residents to continue to recognise this road as a boundary.</p> |
| Are there good transport links?  | The 8, 10, 11, 16, 18 and 20 bus services provide excellent connections between different parts of this ward via main roads. Together with the Metro service linking Pallion and Millfield stations it is very easy to travel between different communities in this ward.  |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government? | This ward would bring together communities with the area of Pallion at its heart. Pallion is currently split between Pallion and Millfield Ward, dividing the commercial centre of the area in a way which is not obvious to residents and traders. We believe that this proposal would improve governance and assist councillors in effectively representing the community.   |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?                     | All parts of the ward are well served by a range of community groups and facilities, namely Lambton Street Youth   |

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|  | Centre, Pallion Action Group, Kayll Road Community Library, the Parker Trust, West Community Centre and Deptford & Millfield Community Association which provide a good range of community spaces and   |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | <p>North View Academy to the west and Thornhill School to the east are the main secondary schools for residents in these areas. There are a range of primary schools that serve people living in all of the communities in this ward including St Josephs, Diamon Hall and Highfield Academy.</p> <p>Shopping facilities are largely provided at Pallion Shopping Terrace along Pallion Road/St Luke's Terrace, as well as along the main east-west routes of Chester Road and Hylton Road.</p> <p>In the middle of the ward lies Sunderland Royal Hospital and Pallion Walk In Centre, providing access to medical services.</p> <p>The entire area is built up and densely populated, with main green spaces being Diamond Hall Pocket Park, Hylton Road Playing Fields and the Bishopwearmouth Cemetery.</p> |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community?   | The communities are brought together by their similar housing stock in the east and shared services and commercial centres in the centre and west of the ward.  |
| Ward name  | Pallion is at the heart of the ward and is already a ward name that is well known to residents in Pallion, Ford Estate and St Gabriel's already. As Millfield is adjacent to and runs directly into Pallion, we believe that people would be able to identify that they are included in the new Pallion ward without the need to list every community contained within the boundary.  |



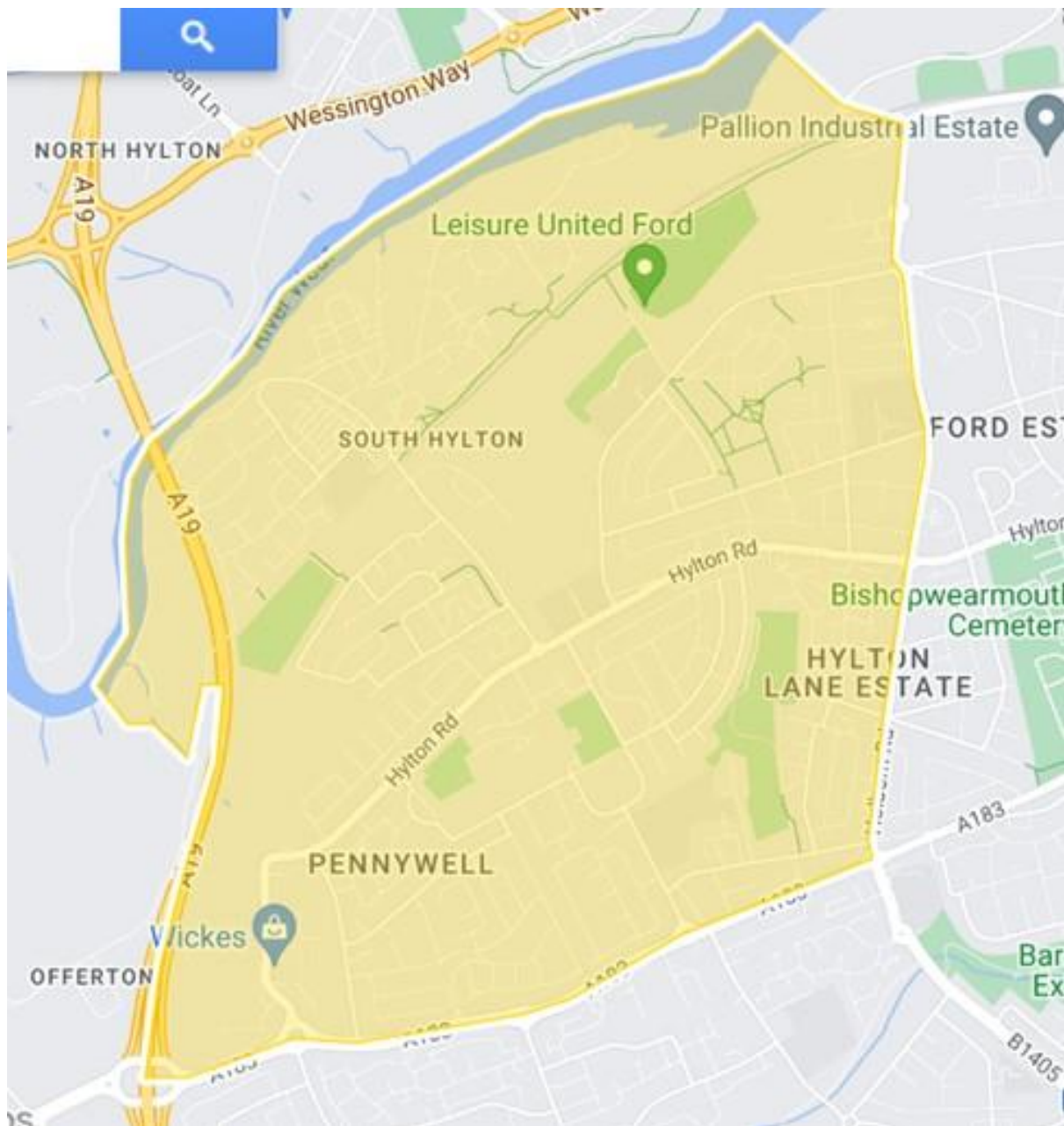
## Pennywell Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Pennywell Ward includes the entire estate of Pennywell together with South Hylton and sections of Ford Estate, Hylton Lane Estate and Nookside.

The ward is comprised of the existing polling districts of N01, N03 and K01 together with parts of the polling districts of N02 (north of The Broadway), N04 (north of the Broadway) and K02 (west of Holborn Road).

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| Electoral equality                                | The ward would have 9281 electors in 2029, a variance of +4.9% which remains well within the 10% limit but allows for very easily identifiable boundaries and a cohesive set of communities to be represented in a single ward.  |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity? | <p>This ward's main population centres are Pennywell estate and the village of South Hylton to the north which can only be accessed by road via Pennywell.</p> <p>The ward would also include the western parts of Ford Estate, Hylton Lane Estate and the Nookside area north of the Broadway in the east of the ward. All of these areas are adjacent to, run directly into or share services with Pennywell and South Hylton.</p> <p>Front Road provides a natural and locally observed boundary between the main part of Ford Estate and the area known as 'High Ford', making Front Road an easily identifiable boundary for local people to observe.</p> |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?           | <p>The ward boundaries are very easy to identify, following natural and obvious boundaries along the A182 Chester Road; Holborn Road/Front Road, the River Wear and the A19.</p> <p>Chester Road provides an easily identifiable boundary between Pennywell and Hylton Lane Estate to the north and the Grindon area to the south, which we believe should continue to be respected – especially as it is exceptionally difficult to cross especially in the west.</p>   |
| Are there good transport links?                   | It is easy to travel between Pennywell, South Hylton and parts of Ford Estate in this proposed ward via regular bus services provided by the 8, 10, 11, 18 and 20 bus services which offer routes linking large parts of the ward.   |

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| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | The ward would allow the main transport routes, commercial centres and community facilities in the far west of Sunderland itself be represented cohesively.  |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | <p>The Tansey Centre in South Hylton and Pennywell Community Centre are the main community centres in the area.</p> <p>A residents association representing Pennywell and the High Ford Area (Communities Together Sunderland West) meets regularly to discuss issues of concern to the community.</p>   |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | <p>The community in Pennywell and High Ford is served by Pennywell shopping centre in the middle of the estate, whilst South Hylton has amenities in its village centre.</p> <p>Additional shopping and medical facilities along Hylton Road and Chester Road, the main high street areas.</p> <p>Claxheugh Rock / quarry area, Blackie Park and King George Playing Fields provide green spaces which are shared by residents in Pennywell, Nookside and High Ford alike.</p>                         |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community?   | <p>As outlined above, the communities are drawn together by shared green spaces and commercial centres.</p> <p>The area shares a mix of similar housing stock in terms of age, although there is a mix between post-war social housing and pockets of private developments.</p> <p>Because of the geography of the area, there are hard borders in the A19 to the west and River Wear to the north, meaning these communities naturally look to each other on an east-west basis along main roads.</p> |
| Ward name  | Pennywell is the single largest community in the ward and borders all other communities making it a sensible choice for a ward name.   |

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|  | The current 'St Annes' name alienates the vast majority of residents, unless you have connections to the church or primary school of the same name, as it is not a real place. |
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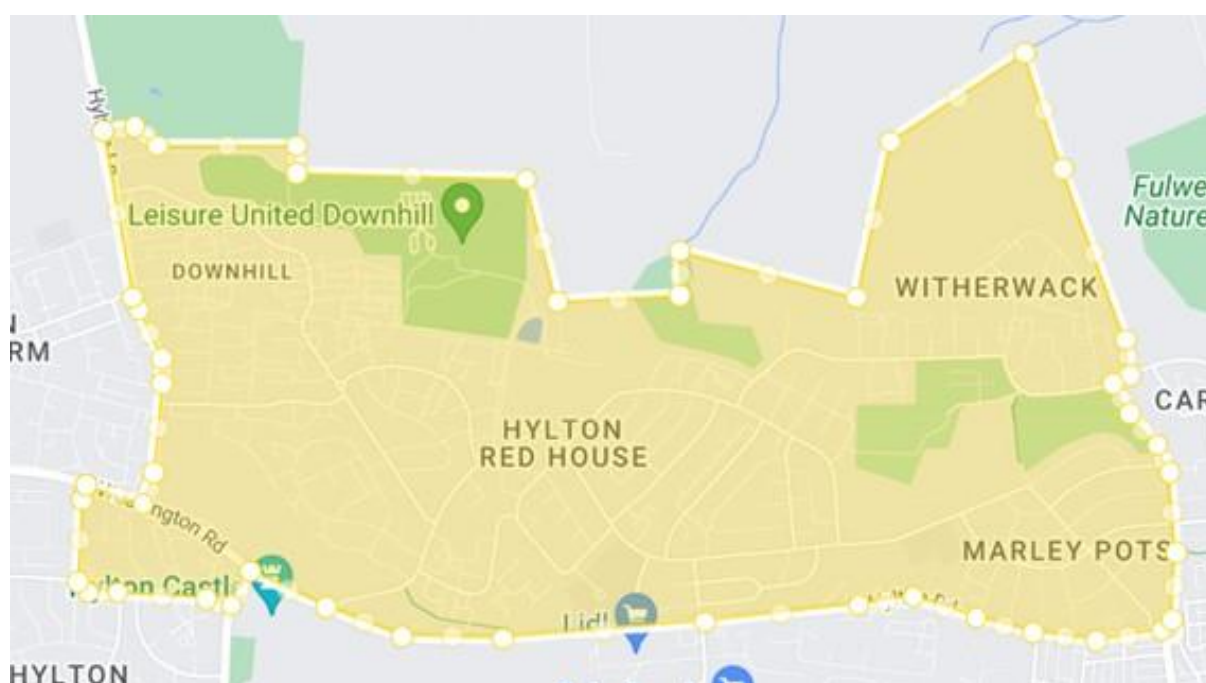
## Redhouse Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Redhouse Ward includes the entire estates of Hylton Redhouse, Witherwack, Marley Potts, Downhill and Wear View, together with a small part of Hylton Castle estate in the south west.

The ward contains the existing polling districts of L04, L03 and L02 and parts of U03 (Wentbridge and Highcliffe), U01 (north of the A1290 / North Hylton Road), L01 (east of Downhill Lane) and B03 (south of A1290 / Washington Road, east of Canterbury Road and north of Cranleigh Road).

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| Electoral equality                                | <p>The ward in 2029 would contain 8,406 electors, with each councillor representing 2,802 electors.</p> <p>This represents a variance of -4.9%, well within the tolerance.</p>   |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity? | <p>Redhouse, Downhill, Marley Potts and Witherwack are suburban areas with different identity and interests to Swinwick and Carley Hill which is a transitional area between the suburbs and the city centre. This difference should be reflected at a ward level to</p> |

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|  | <p>help the council deliver effective government.</p> <p>This proposal eliminates the current situation where Town End Farm is split into two wards.</p> <p>Whilst we appreciate that including a part of neighbouring Hylton Castle Estate isn't ideal, doing so does balance the requirement for identifiable boundaries with the need for electoral equality.</p>       |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?  | <p>Old Mills Road to the East, Washington Road to the South, and Hylton Lane to the West provide hard boundaries with Hylton Castle and Southwick wards. While the Borough of South Tyneside borders to the North, which is clearly identified by the green spaces north of Kingsway Road.</p>   |
| Are there good transport links?  | <p>The 4 and 16 bus services directly link the estates of Downhill, Redhouse, Witherwack and Marley Potts providing excellent public transport links and helping to make a cohesive community.</p>   |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | <p>The ward will allow neighbouring estates with similar housing types, issues and needs to be represented in a cohesive community.</p>  |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | <p>Redhouse Community Centre and Redhouse Methodist Church Choir and Social Group, the Downhill Music Project, provide a range of local services, community groups and youth activities for residents in Redhouse, Downhill and Witherwack.</p>  |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | <p>Our proposal includes both Northern Saints and Redhouse Academy, which most children in the area attend. Representing these schools with councillors from the same electoral ward empowers councillors to better deal any issues and problems.</p> <p>Shared facilities are available at Downhill Pond, Bunny Hill and the playing fields to the north of Downhill.</p> |

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|  | Sainsburys at Riverside Road is the main shared supermarket for all estates, as there is no obvious commercial centre.   |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community? | <p>The ward is comprised of estates with similar housing stock, shared facilities and which are naturally brought together in the area north of Washington Road and south of the settlement gap between Sunderland and South Tyneside.</p> <p>With a similar housing and demographics, Witherwack, Redhouse and Downhill flow into each other, without anyone consciously noticing they are leaving one estate and entering another. Town End Farm to the west requires crossing the busy Hylton Lane, a physical boundary, and also is formed of more modern housing stock.</p> |
| Ward name  | Redhouse is a more appropriate name which reflects the centre of the ward, the previous name "Redhill" caused confusion with residents as it is not a real place.  |

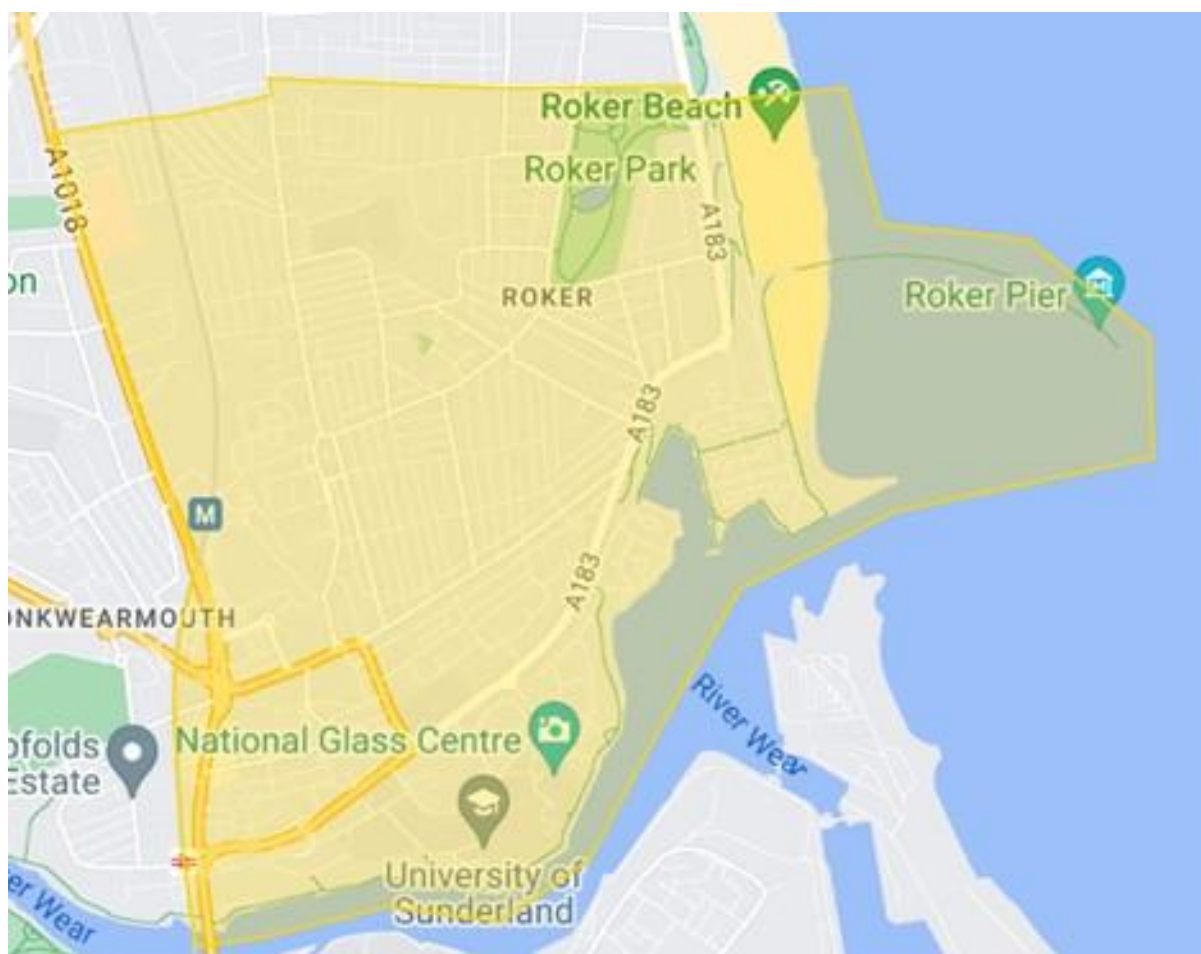
## Roker Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Roker Ward includes the communities of Roker of parts of Monkwearmouth.

The ward contains the existing polling districts of Q01, Q02, Q03 and parts of Q04 (south of Side Cliff Road), Q05 (south of Side Cliff Road), E04 (south of Bartram Street and east of the railway line), E03 (south of Rushcliffe), U04 (east of Newcastle Road and east of the railway line).

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| Electoral equality                                | The ward in 2029 would contain 8,368 electors, with each councillor representing 2,789 electors.<br><br>This represents a variance of -5.4%. |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity? | The assets that bring the community together and provide a focus for   |



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|  | <p>common interests and activities such as Roker Park and Roker Beach would be represented by local councillors from the same ward as the majority of the people that use them.</p>  |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?  | <p>The North Sea to the East, the River Wear to the South and Newcastle Road to the West provide hard boundaries for the ward while, Side Cliff Road to the North provides a better and more easily identifiable boundary between Fulwell and Roker than the existing St Peter's ward.</p>   |
| Are there good transport links?  | <p>There are excellent local transport links between Roker, Seaburn, Monkwearmouth and Newcastle Road areas with regular north-south and east-west links between different part of the wards served by Stagecoach's 18, 23, E1, E2 and E6 services.</p> <p>The Tyne and Wear Metro provides north-south links between St Peter's, Stadium of Light and Seaburn Metro stations.</p>   |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | <p>The majority of the ward is to the east of the railway tracks and Newcastle Road, promoting effective local representation and community cohesion to east of these main routes.</p>   |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | <p>Redby Community Centre as well as New Springs City Church provide a range of local services, community groups and youth activities for residents of Roker.</p>  |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | <p>The main shopping facilities are provided for all residents at the Roker Retail Park, with additional smaller shopping parades along local high streets. The sea front provides a natural focus for bars, restaurants, cafés and shared recreational facilities.</p> <p>The ward would keep the entire St Peter's University Campus together, giving students a single point of contact for councillors instead of being split over multiple wards.</p> |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community?   | <p>The majority terraced housing in Roker gives it a separate identity from Fulwell</p>  |

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|           | and Seaburn Semi-Detached houses to the north.   |
| Ward name | Roker is a more appropriate name which reflects the centre of, and main settlement of, the ward. The previous name "St Peter's" caused confusion as it is not an actual place – only a church and Metro station. |

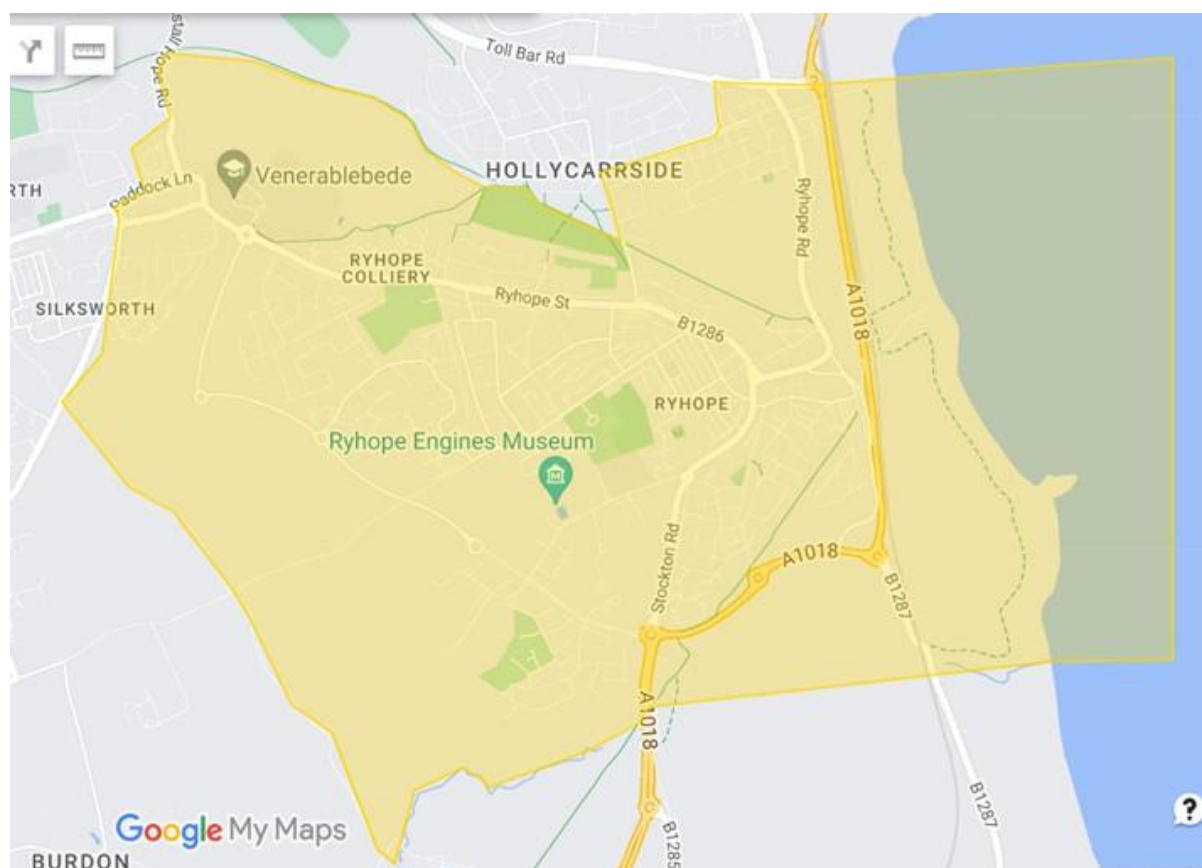
## Ryhope Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Ryhope Ward includes all parts of Ryhope village, Ryhope colliery, Tunstall Bank Estate, Tunstall village and parts of neighbouring Hollycarrside.

The ward is comprised of the existing polling districts of M03, M04 and M05 together with parts of D05 (east of Burdon Road) and M02 (east of Fernside Road, south of Lynden Road and east of Rye View Road).

### Map:



### How does the proposal meet the criteria?

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| Electoral equality                                | The ward will have 8,840 electors in 2029, less than 1% under the target figure.  |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity? | The ward reflects the entirety of the Ryhope area, together with a small part of neighbouring Hollycarrside and the 'Tunstall village' community in the north, both of which have substantial links with and through Ryhope – making this a cohesive and natural community. |

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| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?  | <p>The boundaries respect the city border in the south, sea to the east and Nettles Lane / the Burdon parish boundary to the west.</p> <p>Whilst there is no hard and fast boundary between Tunstall village and Silksworth we believe that this proposal provides sensible demarcation.</p> <p>We appreciate splitting the estate of Hollycarrside in the north is not ideal, but it is necessary to provide electoral equality for the Ryhope and Grangetown wards.</p> |
| Are there good transport links?  | The No. 2 bus service provides excellent links through the main Ryhope Street/Tunstall Bank Road giving access between Tunstall village in the north-west of the ward, down the main thoroughfare through Ryhope as well as giving a direct link to the Hollycarrside area in the north-east of the ward.   |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | The ward brings together the entire Ryhope area in one ward – including the Tunstall Bank Estate/Ryhope Colliery area which is currently represented in a different ward despite identifying as part of Ryhope. This will make for easy and effective representation.   |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | Ryhope Community Centre is the main community facility in the community and is easily accessible from all parts of the ward.  |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | <p>Venerable Bede School is the main secondary school serving the area and is located in the ward, along with primary schools in Ryhope itself.</p> <p>Shops, pubs, social clubs and sports clubs are all provided in the shopping streets along Ryhope Street, The Village and Stockton Road.</p> <p>Ryhope health centre in the centre of the ward provides GP facilities.</p>  |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community?   | The community is a natural fit around the village of Ryhope along with its newer estates on the edges and the   |

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|           | adjoining estates of Hollycarrside and Tunstall village. It is a largely cohesive community which retains a village feel.   |
| Ward name | The vast majority of the ward identifies as being part of Ryhope, so this is a simple choice for a name for this community. |

## Sandhill Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Sandhill Ward includes the communities of Grindon, Hastings Hill, Springwell and Thorney Close.

The ward is comprised of the existing polling districts of R01, R02, R03, R04 and R05 together with parts of N04 (south of The Broadway), N02 (south of The Broadway) and A03 (Springwell estate areas of Sackville Road, Saltburn Road and cul-de-sacs off them).

### Map:



### How does the proposal meet the criteria?

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| Electoral equality | The ward represents very good equality at just a +0.6% variance with 8904 electors in 2029. |
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| <p>Does it reflect community interests and identity?</p> | <p>The ward is comprised of 4 communities: Grindon, Hastings Hill, Springwell and Thorney Close.</p> <p>All four of these areas are brought together by the shared green space in the middle of the 4 communities in the form of the Barnes Park extension and the Grindon Sandhill area.</p> <p>These communities naturally have this shared green space at the heart of the area which brings them together rather than dividing them.</p>   |
| <p>Are the boundaries easily identifiable?</p>           | <p>The boundaries are very clear with the A19, A183 and A690 roads providing obvious and identifiable boundaries.</p> <p>The A183 and A690 are main routes in and out of the city centre and provide natural boundaries between the areas of Pennywell and Grindon to the north and Thorney Close and Plains Farm/Farringdon to the south. These routes are very difficult to cross and are mostly comprised of 4 lanes. For the majority of their lengths in this area they do not have shopping parades along them and definitely separate rather than unite communities.</p> <p>In the east of the area the whole of Springwell estate on both sides of Springwell Road are included. There are no through routes from the Saltburn Road/Sackville Road area of Springwell to the neighbouring areas of Barnes and Humbledon, creating an obvious boundary as these parts of Springwell look towards Springwell Road to unite them with the rest of the estate rather than being separated by it.</p> |
| <p>Are there good transport links?</p>                   | <p>The 23 bus service links Thorney Close and Springwell; the 16 bus services links Hastings Hill, Grindon and Springwell; and the 18 service provides links between Hastings Hill, Grindon, Thorney Close and Springwell. This is in addition to excellent east-west links on</p>   |

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|  | <p>either side of the ward down Chester and Durham Roads.</p> <p>There is very poor walking, cycling and public transport links between Grindon and Pennywell to the north; and between Thorney Close and Plains Farm/Farrington to the south.</p>   |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | <p>This ward will allow the council to represent four communities which share a lot in common, share their facilities and amenities with one another, and which naturally look to one another.</p> <p>The inclusion of all of Springwell estate including the Saltburn Road area and the area around Broadway Estate (around Sutherland Drive) and Glenleigh Drive – both of which are currently represented in different wards to the rest of their community – will allow entire communities to be effectively represented which they are not at the moment.</p>   |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | <p>The main provision for youth clubs and facilities are provided by Community Opportunities at Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre, 111 Squadron Air Cadets on Tay Road and Grindon Young People's Centre on Grindon Lane. All three of these centres provide services for people across Thorney Close, Grindon, Hastings Hill and Springwell so it makes sense for these areas to continue to be represented in a single ward.</p> <p>Additional community groups are available at Grindon Church Community Project on Galway Road, St Oswald's Church on Gladwyn Road, the Bethel Church on Thorndale Road and St Mary and St Peter's Community Project on Sunningdale Road.</p> |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | <p>There is no dominant central shopping area in any of the four communities, with smaller shops instead being located on small shopping parades across the four estates. There is a larger Co-op supermarket at Broadstairs</p>   |



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|  | <p>Court which provides a bigger offering for people across Grindon, Hastings Hill, Springwell and Thorney Close.</p> <p>Medical facilities across all 4 estates are shared, primarily at Springwell Medical Centre and Grindon Primary Care Centre.</p> <p>All parts of the ward are served by Sandhill View Secondary school. Thorney Close Primary School, St Cuthberts Primary, Grindon Infants and Broadway Juniors serve young people across the Hastings Hill, Thorney Close and Springwell areas. Hasting Hill Academy also offers primary provision for Thorney Close.</p> <p>The communities all look towards and share the Barnes Park Extension/Grindon Sandhills as a key green and recreational space. This brings the community together and provides a focus for common interests and activities like walking, cycling, football etc.</p> |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community? | <p>As outlined above, the large green space in the middle of all 4 estates provides a natural focus and brings these communities together.</p> <p>The majority of housing stock is post-ward social housing.</p>  |
| Ward name  | <p>Sandhill is an existing and recognised ward name taking into account the Grindon Sandhill which is in the centre of all 4 estates within the boundary.</p>   |

## Shiney Row Ward

### Overview:

The ward is comprised of the communities of Shiney Row, Penshaw, Offerton and Cox Green.

The ward is comprised of the existing polling districts of S01, S02, S03, S05 and S06 together with part of the H04 polling district (broadly north of Herrington Burn and Elba Park).

### Map:



*How does the proposal meet the criteria?*

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| Electoral equality   | The ward is within the 10% threshold with 9658 electors in 2029 (+ 9.05%). We feel this is justified to ensure that communities that naturally fit together can be represented in a single ward.   |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity?                        | <p>The ward brings together the distinct communities of Shiney Row and neighbouring Penshaw. These each have a sense of their own identity which is distinct from the town of Houghton to the south, and from the village communities of Philadelphia, Newbottle, West Herrington and New Herrington.</p> <p>The inclusion of the smaller settlements of Offerton and Cox Green to the east make sense and these more rural communities share amenities and services with nearby Penshaw and Shiney Row, rather than looking to Sunderland to the east of the A19.</p> |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?                                  | <p>The city boundary to the west, the River Wear to the north and the A19 to the east provide natural and obvious boundaries.</p> <p>Herrington Country Park and Elba Park provide natural settlement breaks between the areas that see themselves as being in Penshaw and Shiney Row respectively and neighbouring communities to the south.</p>  |
| Are there good transport links?  | Shiney Row and Penshaw share good links, ensuring easy access to both ends of the ward via the regular bus services along Chester Road to and from Sunderland and Chester le Street. There are also good bus links from the Shiney Row area through to Houghton town centre.   |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government? | The ward will allow similar and neighbouring settlements south of the Wear and east of the A19 to be represented together without straying into the Washington or Sunderland areas. Residents in this ward do not have an affinity to either Washington or Sunderland.   |

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| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | Shiney Row and Penshaw Community Centres offer facilities for communities in both of these communities. Shiney Advice and Resource Project offers advice and support services for Shiney Row, Penshaw and wider former coalfield area.  |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | <p>The major shopping area for these communities can be found in the centre of Shiney Row along Westbourne Terrace and Chester Road. Pubs, pharmacies and medical centres are also located in this area.</p> <p>There are several primary schools serving these communities such as Barnwell, New Penshaw Academy and Our Lady Queen of Peace.</p> <p>There are lots of shared green spaces such as Penshaw Hill, Herington Country Park and Elba Park.</p> |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community?   | The ward contains settlements with distinct identities, and which share a lot in common with neighbouring County Durham rather than the main city of Sunderland or the new town of Washington.  |
| Ward name  | Shiney Row is the biggest settlement in the ward.   |

## Southwick Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Southwick Ward includes all parts of Southwick together with Carley Hill, the Newcastle Road area and parts of Fulwell in the East.

The ward contains the existing polling districts of U02 and U05, and parts of U04 (west of Newcastle Road), U03 (excluding Wentbridge and Highcliffe on Whitchurch Road), U01 (south of A1290 / North Hylton Road) and E04 (north of Bartram Street and west of the railway line).

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| Electoral equality   | <p>The ward in 2029 would contain 8,915 electors, with each councillor representing 2,972 electors.</p> <p>This represents a variance of +0.8%.</p>   |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity?  | The ward represents all parts of the Southwick area, together with Carley Hill to the north of it. The ward also extends to the Monkwearmouth, Fulwell and Newcastle Road areas which extend fairly seamlessly from Southwick to the East. These are natural, neighbouring communities that are distinct from estates such as Marley Potts, Witherwack and Red House to the west. |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?  | The ward follows obvious and identifiable boundaries along main roads and using the railway line, making it easy for people to know where the ward starts and ends.   |
| Are there good transport links?  | The 3, 4, 12, 13 and 16 services link different parts of Southwick, Carley Hill and the Newcastle Road/Monkwearmouth areas. The 18/18A services links Southwick to Seaburn Metro station along Thompson Road providing east-west links in this ward.  |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | The ward has a different demographics and shares different interests to the nearby suburbs of Fulwell and Witherwack, which should be represented by councillors who better understand the area and can effectively engage with residents and represent them accurately to local government committees.   |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | Southwick Community Centre, Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Centre and Southwick and Monkwearmouth Community Transport provide a range of services for people in Southwick and the western-most section of Monkwearmouth.   |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | Southwick Green which the vast majority of residents use for basic services like banking, groceries etc is a natural focal point for Carley Hill, Monkwearmouth and Southwick.  |

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| Is there anything that binds this area as a community? | Thompson Road and Keir Hardie Way link the communities on an east-west basis. Throughout the ward, communities run seamlessly into one another. |
| Ward name  | Southwick is the main population settlement in this ward and is an obvious choice for the ward name.  |

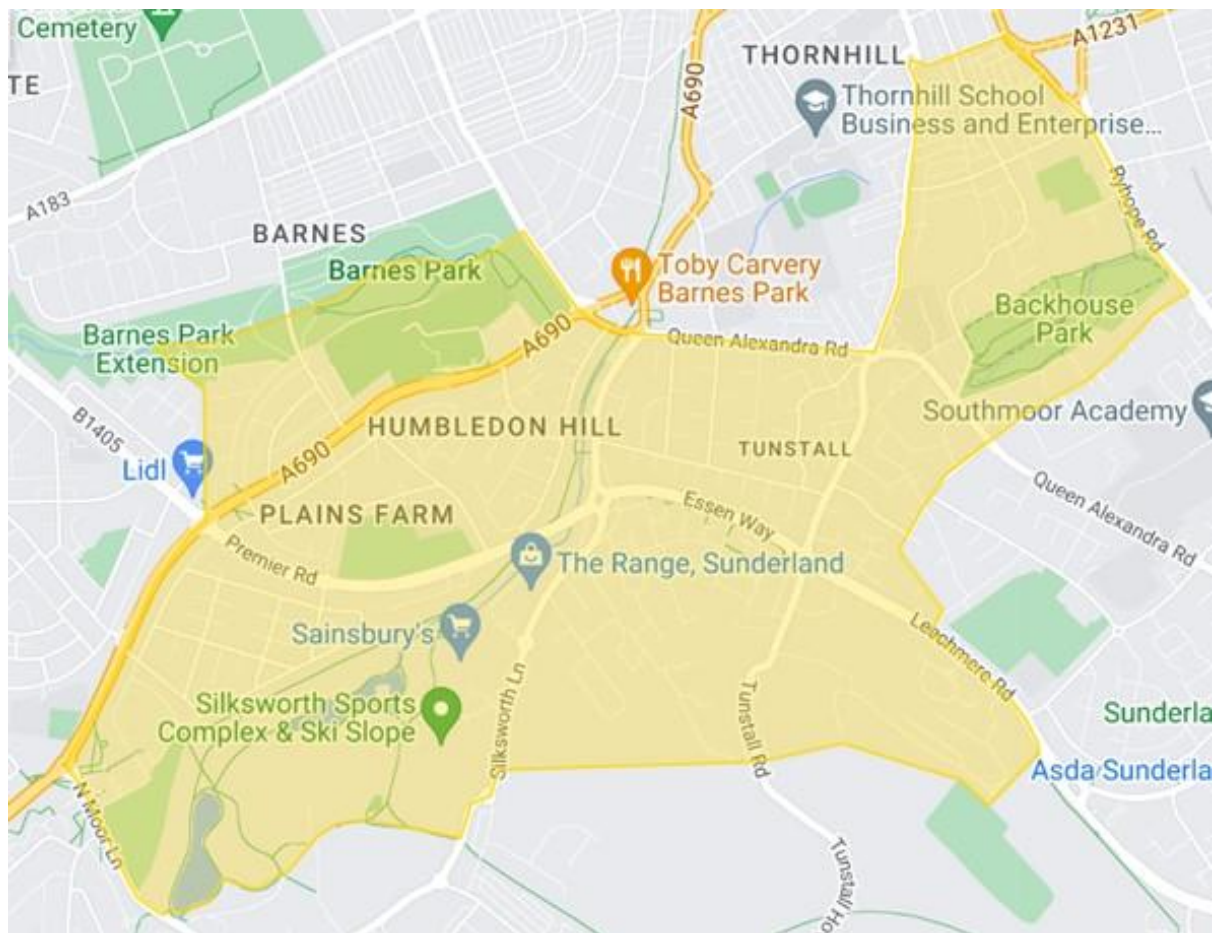
## Tunstall and Humbledon Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Tunstall and Humbledon Ward includes the Humbledon and Plains Farm areas together with neighbouring Tunstall and Ashbrooke areas.

The ward is made up of the existing polling districts of T01 and T02 together with parts of the following polling districts: A03 (east of Springwell and south of Barnes Burn), A04 (south of Durham Road), P01 (south of Queen Alexandra Road), P03 (south of Queen Alexandra Road) and P02 (east of Tunstall Road and south of Belvedere Road).

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| Electoral equality                                | The ward would contain 8088 electors in 2029, a variance of -8.5% which is comfortably in the limit.           |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity? | The ward brings together neighbouring communities around Humbledon Hill to the west and Strawberry Bank to the |



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|  | east. These areas blend into one another seamlessly and share local facilities and green spaces.  |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?  | <p>The ward uses natural features, settlement breaks and main roads wherever possible as boundaries. The ward keeps estates and communities together, making it easy for people to know in which ward they live.</p> <p>The border in the east of the Ward is not as obvious but is consistent following a clear line up and down Greystoke Avenue, Linden Gardens, Ashbrooke Range and The Cedars.</p>   |
| Are there good transport links?  | There are readily available bus links on key east-west and north-south routes in this ward utilising the main roads of Leechmere Road, Essen Way, Tunstall Road, Silksworth Lane and Durham Road through the 3, 4, 12, 13 and 18A bus services.   |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | The ward would eliminate current anomalies where Plains Farm estate is split over two wards; and where residents in the suburban Tunstall area either side of Essen Way are also represented in two different wards.  |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre provides facilities in the west of the ward, with St Michael's Community Centre and St Nicholas Church doing likewise in the East.   |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | <p>Silksworth Sainsbury's provides a central major supermarket for these communities, within additional shopping facilities being found at The Barnes roundabout and at the junction of Tunstall Road and Queen Alexandra Road.</p> <p>There are excellent green spaces at Silksworth Lake to the south, Barnes Park to the West and Backhouse Park to the East.</p> <p>St Aidan's secondary school is located in the ward, with nearby Thornhill and Southmoor Schools also serving residents.</p> |

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| Is there anything that binds this area as a community? | The ward brings together two communities with natural focal points – namely the Humbledon Hill area which unites Humbledon and Plains Farm, with neighbouring Tunstall and Ashbrooke areas being centred around Strawberry Bank. There are good links east-west along major routes which bring these communities together. |
| Ward name  | Tunstall and Humbledon represent the two halves of the ward and would be easily identifiable for surrounding communities.  |

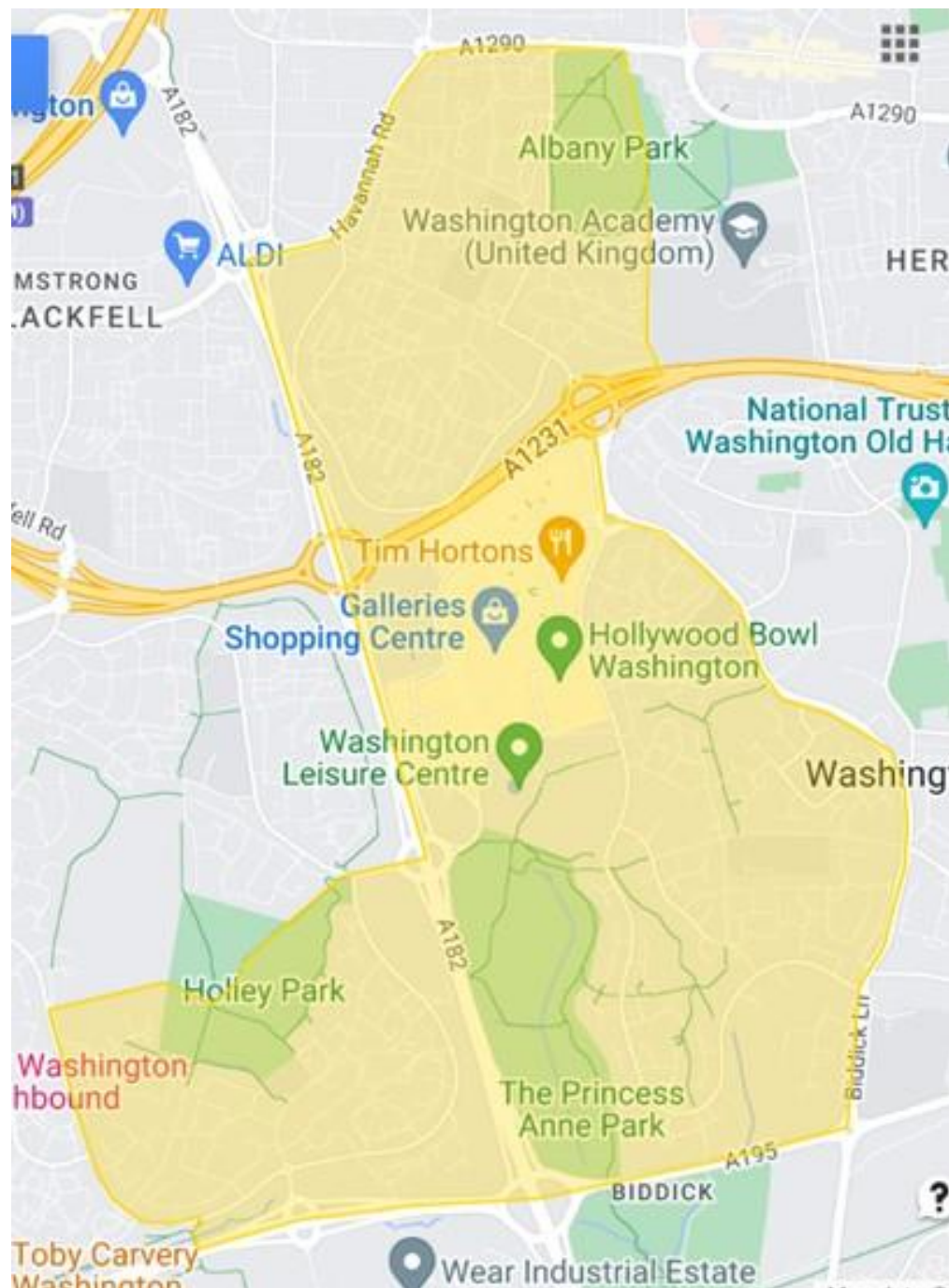
## Washington Central Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Washington Central unites the villages of Lambton, Biddick, Glebe and Albany, as well as the town centre.

The ward is made up of the existing polling districts of V01, V03, Y05 Z02 and parts of the following polling districts: V02 (west of Biddick Lane) and Y03 (west of Ayton Road and south of Holley Park Academy).

### Map:



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| Electoral equality   | The ward offers very good electoral equality with 8780 electors in 2029, less than 1% under the target figure.   |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity?  | The ward reflects neighbouring villages in the centre of the town which all share proximity to the town centre.  |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?  | As all villages in the ward are kept intact rather than being split, this makes it easy for residents to know that the villages of Lambton, Albany, Glebe and Biddick.   |
| Are there good transport links?  | <p>The ward has key north-south links via the A182 and Parkway. There are footpaths and bridges linking all parts of the ward.</p> <p>There are good bus routes between all parts of the ward via Washington bus station in the town centre at the heart of the ward.</p>  |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | Whilst each individual village has its own community feel, this proposal keeps villages together – improving on the current warding arrangement whereby Lambton is split across two wards. We therefore think this proposal will help to deliver better local government in that area.                                   |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | Local schools and churches provide community facilities within each of the distinct villages in this ward.   |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | <p>Whilst each village in Washington has its own amenities in the village centre, this ward is well served by the amenities of the Town Centre on their doorstep including shops, leisure centre and medical centre.</p> <p>Lambton, Biddick, Wessington and Albany schools serve the constituent parts of the ward.</p> |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community?   | All villages in this ward are close to Washington Town Centre in and around the Galleries and share the Princess Anne Park as a key recreational facility. All parts of the ward look towards these two places, bringing the surrounding communities together.   |

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| Ward name | The ward represents village communities in the centre of Washington. |
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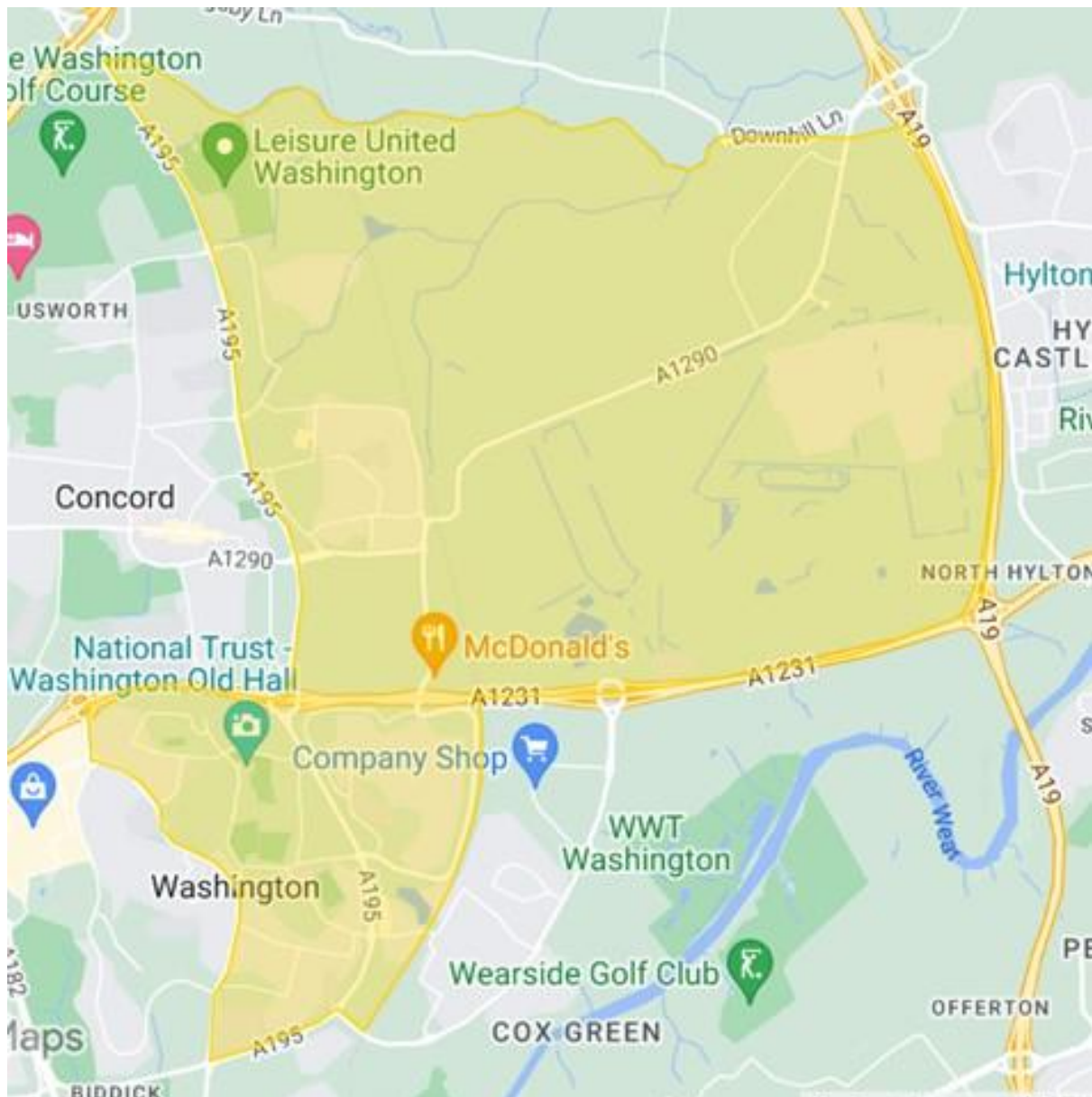
## Washington East Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Washington East brings together the villages of Columbia, Washington Village, Barmston and Sulgrave.

The ward is made up of the existing polling districts of V03,V05, X04, W05 and part of V02 (east of Biddick Lane).

### Map:



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| Electoral equality | At -1.9% under threshold with 8676 electors in 2029, the ward is well within |
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|  | the tolerance limits whilst benefiting from keeping village communities whole.   |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity?  | The ward represents neighbouring whole village communities without splitting any. Columbia and Washington Village naturally merge into one another and are coupled with the neighbouring areas of Barmston and Sulgrave. |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?  | The boundaries follow main roads and ensure that entire village communities are kept together, allowing easy identification of which villages comprise the ward.   |
| Are there good transport links?  | There are excellent road links between all of the villages. The 84 provides convenient bus links between Columbia, Washington Village and Barmston.  |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | The proposal ensures that entire villages are kept together so that their needs can be represented by 1 set of councillors.  |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | The ward would enjoy community facilities provided by Columbia Community Association, Washington Mind, the Forage Community Project in Barmston – as well as Micky's Place and Transform North East both in Sulgrave.    |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | Shops and facilities are provided on a village basis, with further amenities provided in the town centre.  |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community?   | The villages all neighbour each other, with particularly close links between Columbia, Washington Village and Barmston.  |
| Ward name  | Washington East has been chosen as it represents the easterly part of Washington.  |



## Washington North Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Washington East brings together the Concord area together with the neighbouring villages of Donwell and Usworth.

The ward is made up of the existing polling districts of Z04, X01, X02 and X03.

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| Electoral equality   | The ward will have 8273 electors in 2029. This is 6.5 under the target but is still well within the threshold and is justified by keeping communities intact without splitting them.   |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity?  | The ward represents the main population centres surrounding Concord town centre, representing neighbouring areas which have a natural affinity to one another.   |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?  | The ward respects local main roads to provide easily identifiable boundaries, and keeps whole communities/villages intact making it easy for residents to recognise and find out which ward they live in.  |
| Are there good transport links?  | <p>The 84/85 service provides good bus links between different parts of Donwell, Usworth and Concord. The No. 4 route also provides good services from the north to the south of the ward.</p> <p>There are excellent road and walking routes between the different parts of the ward.</p>   |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | The ward would allow the communities centred around Concord town to all be represented in one ward.  |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | There are several churches and community groups across these communities, including the Building Blocks Day Centre in Concord  |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | <p>The ward centres around Concord town centre which provides the vast majority of facilities, shops and services for these communities – including Victoria Road Health Centre.</p> <p>Sunderland College Washington Campus, George Washington Primary and St Bede's Primary School serve the area and are contained in the ward.</p> |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community?   | The communities are neighbouring, all run into one another and all look to Concord town centre for amenities and facilities.   |

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| Ward name | The areas are all in the north of Washington, making Washington North a sensible ward name. |
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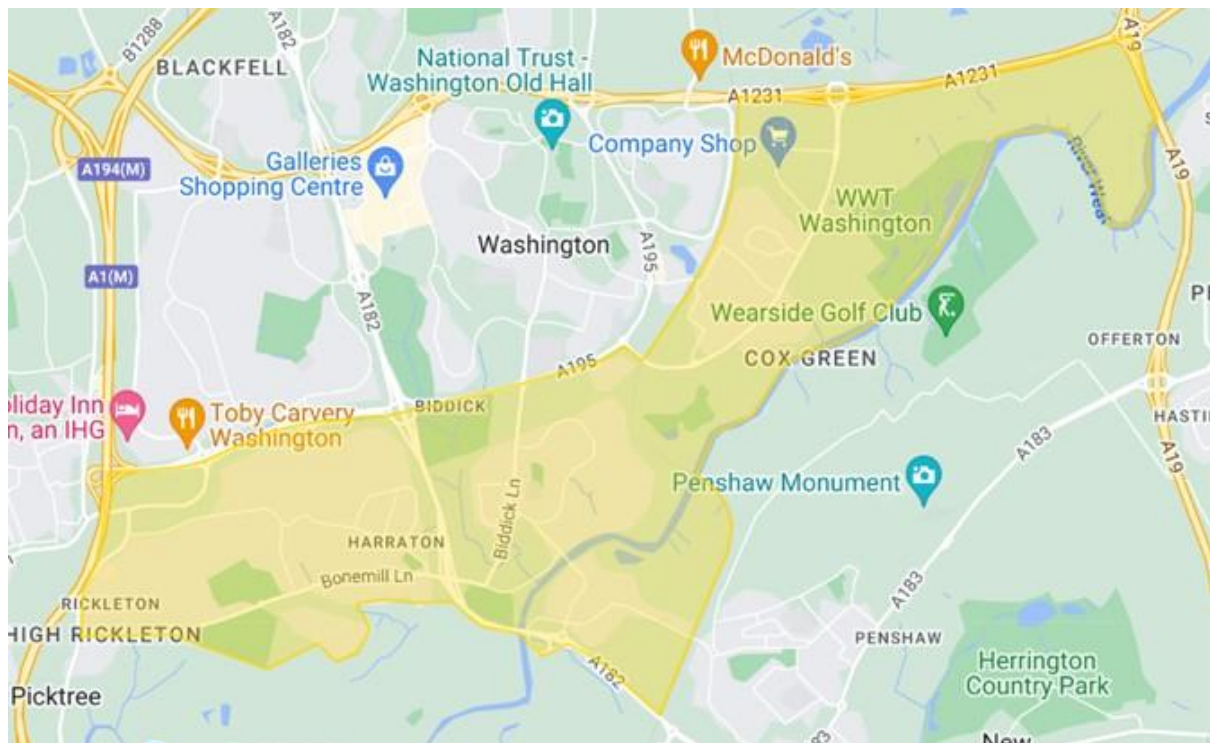
## Washington South Ward

### Overview:

Our proposal for Washington South contains the villages of Harraton, Rickleton, Fatfield, Mount Pleasant and Teal Farm.

The ward is made up of the existing polling districts of Y01, W01, W02, W03 and W04.

### Map:



### How does the proposal meet the criteria?

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| Electoral equality                                | There would be 9045 electors in 2029, a variance of +2.2%.   |
| Does it reflect community interests and identity? | The ward reflects communities that naturally lead and link to one another on an east-west basis  |
| Are the boundaries easily identifiable?           | The boundaries keep villages whole in their entirety and follow the River Wear to the south and the A195 and the former Leamside railway line to the north. All of these are obvious and easily identifiable boundaries. |
| Are there good transport links?                   | There are excellent road links between the individual communities in the ward. There are also a host of footpaths,   |

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|  | <p>bridleways and cycle paths providing excellent active travel links.</p> <p>The No. 8 bus provides links between Teal Farm, Harraton, Rickleton and Fatfield. The 50 service links Fatfield and Mount Pleasant; with the 2 service also linking Mount Pleasant and Fatfield with Rickleton.</p> <p>Proposals to re-open the Leamside Line to provide Tyne and Wear Metro services through this area would provide excellent public transport links in the future.</p> |
| Will it help the Council deliver effective, convenient local government?   | The ward will allow similar, neighbouring communities sharing transport links and recreational facilities along the banks of the Wear to be effectively represented.  |
| What type of community groups are there in the area?   | Rickleton Chapel, St George's Church in Harraton, Washington Cricket Club, Harraton & District Community Association and 1 <sup>st</sup> Fatfield Scouts provide facilities for the western part of the ward. The Washington Arts Centre is located in the centre of the ward.  |
| How does the proposed ward fit with facilities such as schools, leisure facilities, shopping and medical facilities? | As with all parts of Washington, many shops, schools and other facilities are provided on a village-by-village basis. However, this ward would unite communities that share leisure facilities along the riverside at Fatfield, together with lots of green space and recreational facilities along the banks of the Wear and around James Steel Park.  |
| Is there anything that binds this area as a community?   | The community is brought together by excellent transport links and shared green spaces and bars/restaurants at Fatfield.  |
| Ward name  | The ward represents communities all of which are in the south of Washington. The name Washington South is easier than listing all 5 distinct communities within the ward.   |

### Annex 1: Calculations for each ward

#### Barnes and Thornhill Ward:

| Polling district               | 2029 electorate |
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| A03 (north)                    | 440             |
| A01                            | 1163            |
| A02                            | 1889            |
| A05                            | 1678            |
| A04 (north)                    | 1302            |
| J03                            | 1895            |
| P01 (north)                    | 284             |
| P03 (west)                     | 196             |
| P02 (west)                     | 677             |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 9524            |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: +7.6% |

#### Central Ward:

| Polling district               | 2029 electorate  |
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| J05                            | 572              |
| J04                            | 2224             |
| F01                            | 2197             |
| F04 (north)                    | 369              |
| F03 (north)                    | 436              |
| F02                            | 1978             |
| P02 (north)                    | 874              |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8650             |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: - 2.2% |

#### Doxford Ward:

| Polling district               | 2029 electorate |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| D01                            | 985             |
| D02                            | 4403            |
| D03                            | 1244            |
| D04                            | 1176            |
| T05 (south)                    | 1388            |
| D05 (west)                     | 232             |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 9428            |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: +6.5% |

#### Farringdon and Silksworth Ward:

| Polling district | 2029 electorate |
|------------------|-----------------|
| T05 (north)      | 1177            |
| T03              | 1238            |
| T04              | 1760            |
| O02              | 1506            |

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| O04                            | 1199             |
| O05                            | 2203             |
| O03 (east)                     | 309              |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 9392             |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: + 6.2% |

Fulwell Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b>        | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| E01                            | 1804                   |
| E02                            | 1580                   |
| E05                            | 1487                   |
| E03 (north)                    | 2945                   |
| E04 (east)                     | 209                    |
| Q05 (north)                    | 897                    |
| Q04 (north)                    | 38                     |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8960                   |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: + 1.3%       |

Grangetown Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b>        | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| F03 (south)                    | 212                    |
| F04 (south)                    | 475                    |
| F05                            | 1525                   |
| M01                            | 1601                   |
| M02 (east)                     | 1287                   |
| P05                            | 1135                   |
| P04                            | 2174                   |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8409                   |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: - 4.5%       |

Herrington Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b>        | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| O03 (west)                     | 1256                   |
| O05                            | 2203                   |
| S04                            | 1419                   |
| C05                            | 1233                   |
| C06                            | 1271                   |
| H05                            | 1103                   |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8485                   |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: -4.1%        |

Hetton Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b> | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| G04                     | 320                    |
| G01                     | 2721                   |

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| G05                            | 3447            |
| G02                            | 2131            |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8619            |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: -2.6% |

Houghton North Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b>        | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| H01                            | 2350                   |
| H02                            | 2412                   |
| H03                            | 2202                   |
| H04 (south)                    | 2467                   |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 9431                   |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: +6.6%        |

Houghton South and Hetton Downs Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b>        | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| C01                            | 2516                   |
| C02                            | 1916                   |
| C03                            | 1271                   |
| C04                            | 1543                   |
| G03                            | 1439                   |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8685                   |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: -1.8%        |

Hylton Castle Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b>        | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| B01                            | 1917                   |
| B02                            | 1897                   |
| B03 (west)                     | 1147                   |
| B04                            | 2925                   |
| L01 (west)                     | 1391                   |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 9277                   |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: +4.8%        |

Pallion Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b>        | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| K02 (east)                     | 1293                   |
| K03                            | 2073                   |
| K04                            | 2247                   |
| K05                            | 694                    |
| J01                            | 1414                   |
| J02                            | 1772                   |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 9493                   |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: +7.3%        |

Pennywell Ward:

| Polling district               | 2029 electorate |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| N01                            | 2678            |
| N02 (north)                    | 2686            |
| N03                            | 1545            |
| K01                            | 1524            |
| N04 (north)                    | 668             |
| K02 (west)                     | 180             |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 9281            |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: +4.9% |

Redhouse Ward:

| Polling district               | 2029 electorate |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| U03 (west)                     | 80              |
| U01 (north)                    | 1181            |
| L04                            | 759             |
| L03                            | 1566            |
| L02                            | 3838            |
| L01 (east)                     | 596             |
| B03 (east)                     | 386             |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8406            |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance -4.9%  |

Roker Ward:

| Polling district               | 2029 electorate |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Q01                            | 1447            |
| Q02                            | 1839            |
| Q03                            | 1794            |
| Q04 (south)                    | 1569            |
| Q05 (south)                    | 484             |
| E03 (south)                    | 329             |
| E04 (South)                    | 546             |
| U04 (east)                     | 360             |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8368            |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: -5.4% |

Ryhope Ward:

| Polling district | 2029 electorate |
|------------------|-----------------|
| D05 (south)      | 1108            |
| D05 (central)    | 583             |
| D05 (north)      | 165             |
| M03              | 2114            |
| M05              | 3077            |
| M04              | 961             |
| M02 (south)      | 832             |



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| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8840             |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: -0.08% |

Sandhill Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b>        | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| R01                            | 1037                   |
| R02                            | 1093                   |
| R03                            | 1961                   |
| R04                            | 1145                   |
| R05                            | 2620                   |
| N04 (south)                    | 540                    |
| A03 (west)                     | 376                    |
| N02 (south)                    | 132                    |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8904                   |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: +0.6%        |

Shiney Row Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b>        | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| H04 (north)                    | 640                    |
| S01                            | 952                    |
| S02                            | 1854                   |
| S03                            | 1980                   |
| S05                            | 1826                   |
| S06                            | 2406                   |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 9658                   |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: +9.05%       |

Southwick Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b>        | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| U04 (west)                     | 3132                   |
| U02                            | 1139                   |
| U03 (east)                     | 1958                   |
| E04 (north)                    | 826                    |
| U05                            | 811                    |
| U01 (south)                    | 1049                   |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8915                   |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: +0.8%        |

Tunstall and Humbledon Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b> | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| A03 (south)             | 853                    |
| A04 (south)             | 691                    |
| T01                     | 1386                   |
| T02                     | 1576                   |
| P01 (south)             | 711                    |

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| P03 (south)                    | 1153            |
| P03 (east)                     | 209             |
| P02 (east)                     | 1509            |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8088            |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: -8.5% |

Washington Central Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b>        | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Z02                            | 2789                   |
| V04                            | 2025                   |
| V02                            | 1562                   |
| Y05                            | 624                    |
| Y03 (south)                    | 331                    |
| V01                            | 1449                   |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8780                   |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance -0.8%         |

Washington East Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b>        | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| X04                            | 2799                   |
| W05                            | 2366                   |
| V05                            | 1095                   |
| V03                            | 1651                   |
| V02                            | 765                    |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8676                   |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: -1.9%        |

Washington North Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b>        | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Z04                            | 2411                   |
| X01                            | 2796                   |
| X02                            | 1705                   |
| X03                            | 1361                   |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8273                   |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance: -6.5%        |

Washington South Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b> | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| W01                     | 781                    |
| Y01                     | 2287                   |
| W02                     | 1618                   |
| W03                     | 2530                   |
| W04                     | 1829                   |
| <b>Total:</b>           | 9045                   |

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|--------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance +2.2% |
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Washington West Ward:

| <b>Polling district</b>        | <b>2029 electorate</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Z03                            | 1902                   |
| Z01                            | 2073                   |
| Y03                            | 746                    |
| Y04                            | 2002                   |
| Y02                            | 1830                   |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | 8553                   |
| <b>Target electorate: 8848</b> | Variance -3.3%         |