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Related subject: Sherburn & Pittington

Dear Jonathan Ashby,

Sorry to bother you directly.

I am a County Councillor for the current Sherburn Division, albeit I am in my last two years because I am not standing next time.

The recommendations you have made for splitting the current Sherburn division aren't as I'd feared (as we all struggled to see what we could do to keep communities of interest together using the criteria the BC set out), however, my main and very significant remaining concern is Sherburn Hill, and to a lesser extent Shadforth. They have been put into the Easington Division but they have no connection to those areas at all. All of Sherburn Hill's community connections, services, facilities, education and historic links etc are all with Sherburn Village and Littleton. Shadforth has those same links too. Unfortunately it/they have not been put into the Sherburn and Pittington Division. Indeed Sherburn Hill's boundary may even split some of it's villages between two boundaries.

I know Shadforth parish council boundary takes in the three villages Shadforth, Sherburn Hill and Ludworth (which is in a different Division to the other two already), but this was out of expediency rather than any sensible design. Sherburn Hill used to mostly be in Sherburn Village's parish area. Arguably it should be again now.

I know I can submit these comments via the consultation email as well, and I have copied that in, but due to my heightened concern of Sherburn Hill, and arguably Shadforth too, being stranded electorally/representation wise from all of its local and historic links I wanted to flag it to you directly, which I hope you don't mind.

Please let me know what you think and any suggestions you have for me to make my argument as strong as it needs to be for Sherburn Hill, and ideally Shadforth, to be placed within Sherburn Village and Pittington Division, or together with their neighbouring communities somehow please.

Sincerely,

Cllr David Hall
Sherburn Division

Attached Documents:

None attached