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Attached Documents:

- LGBCE - HTC submission - Appendix 1 map.pdf
- LGBCE re HTC electoral wards - 11 Dec 23.pdf



Hetton Town Council



11 December 2023

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Dear Sir/Madam

Draft recommendations: Sunderland - including Hetton Town Council area

I refer to the Commission's draft recommendations published on 3 October 2023 and write to submit the Town Council's views relating to Parish electoral arrangements outlined in paragraphs 77-80 on pages 26/27.

Town Council understand the need for equalisation as far as practicable and is satisfied with the proposed level of Member representation as described for the parish wards of Easington Lane, East Rainton, Hetton Downs and Hetton-le-Hole.

However, it is noted that as a result of the proposed separation of East Rainton and Moorsley there is an especially low electorate in the latter area.

Town Council suggest the following change to remedy this position:

Since the proposals were published, Sunderland City Council has approved at a meeting of its Planning and Highways Committee held on 30 October, plans for a residential development at Coal Bank Farm.

More details can be found at [Simple Search \(sunderland.gov.uk\)](https://www.sunderland.gov.uk) using application reference 14/01371/OUT.

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This site is currently located in Hetton-le-Hole ward and remains so in the proposals.

The Town Councils' view is that this site should be transferred to the proposed Moorsley ward to increase the future electorate.

This will have no adverse bearing on the size of the electorate of Hetton-le-Hole ward as the site is not yet built upon.

Additionally, in terms of community identity and geography, Coal Bank Farm is regarded as being part of Moorsley.

I have attached as Appendix 1 the location of the Coal Bank Farm site - gleaned from the LGBCE map.

I trust that the Commission finds this submission helpful and will favourably consider the Town Council's suggested amendment to the proposals.

Your faithfully



Graeme Keedy
Town Clerk

