

Sunderland

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Comment text:

Hi,

I want to give my comments on the plans for changes to electing councillors in Sunderland.

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I wanted to support the plans for all these areas in Sunderland where I've lived.

Grangetown:

I agree with the plans for Grangetown Ward. Lots of people living in and around Manilla Street would say they lived in Grangetown rather than Hendon. The proposed wards looks towards the central shops and facilities in Grangetown Centre and are brought together by amenities like

Grangetown Primary School. It also improves on the current situation where large parts of Grangetown are considered as Ryhope Ward.

People living on St Leonard Street and the adjacent 'long streets' are split between whether they say they live in Grangetown or Hendon. As there is no clear or obvious boundary to separate Hendon and Grangetown, I agree with the proposals to have Vilette Road as the boundary. It is an obvious and clear boundary that people will recognise. This would not be the case if you split the long streets, and using Spelter Works Road as a boundary would exclude lots of people who look to Grangetown as their local centre and who consider themselves as living in Grangetown.

Central:

I support Vilette Road as being the boundary between the Grangetown and Central Ward. It is an obvious boundary that is easy to explain and point to, which is not the case with roads further north like Gray Road or Mowbray Road. Local people recognise that everything north of Vilette Road is classed as Hendon, so it would make sense for this to be a ward boundary.

I agree that communities either side of the city centre in Deptford, Millfield, the East End and Hendon all look to the city centre and share the same type of housing type and issues. This ward would also end the current problem where the city centre is split between 3 different wards, creating problems in terms of representation.

I think the name 'Central' is confusing, as it is not geographically central and does not help people identify which ward they live in. I believe Hendon and Deptford would represent the communities on either side of the city centre, and the name should reflect this.

Farringdon & Silksworth:

As a former resident on Farringdon, I agree with the plans for Silksworth and Farringdon Ward, with Gilley Law in the middle. Farringdon is separated from Thorney Close by a busy dual carriageway and despite its closeness, shares little in common with East Herrington which has its own community feel and a different type of housing and issues from Farringdon.

Sandhill:

As a former resident in Grindon, I agree with the Commission's plans here. It makes sense for Grindon, Springwell and Thorney Close to share councillors as they share the Extension Park, local schools and community groups like Grindon Young People's Centre and the Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre. Chester Road and Durham Road are natural boundaries that should be respected. I do think the ward name should reflect 'real' places as Sandhill isn't a real place. Thorney Close and Grindon would make sense, as the two biggest estates in this area.

Thanks for your consideration.

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Attached Documents:

None attached