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Related subject: Shiney Row Ward, Sunderland City Council

I am wishing as a resident of Shiney Row Ward, to make comment on the forthcoming boundary changes which will affect Penshaw, New Herrington, West Herrington and Shiney Row. I understand the number of electorate in the Ward needs to be reduced and understand the importance to “level out” numbers, there is however a need to recognise the importance of community ties between villages in such a ward as Shiney Row. A large chunk of Shiney Row, all of West Herrington, New Herrington and most of Penshaw border the Herrington Country Park, residents of these areas came together under difficult times during an extensive open cast mining situation and collectively worked to achieve, after the conclusion of the mining, to support the regeneration and subsequently look after the park together with Sunderland City Council. This created under some difficult circumstances a strong relationship of residents in the aforementioned villages.

In past boundary reviews, I’m sure from memory that community ties were always considered with some importance and also a recognition of the natural A19 boundary which separates New & West Herrington from East & Middle Herrington, areas of Sunderland which have never had any commonality. The separation is significant by some distance of open farm land on either side of the B1286.

Being aware of the numbers and the need for Shiney Row Ward to shed electorate to comply, I would respectfully ask that instead of moving New & West Herrington out of the Ward that the Commission look at drawing a new boundary at Golf Course Road, the housing estate on the West side and the relatively new housing estate of Elba Park, both of which have commonality by bordering their Elba Park which was a massive regeneration project from the Lambton Coke Works and the area is closely aligned to Houghton. I trust my views/comments will be considered.

Regards

Attached Documents:

None attached