

Sunderland

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Hello,

My name is Rebecca Hardie and I have lived at [REDACTED] (SR2 [REDACTED]) for over 20 years now. I attended the local nursery, Ryhope Infant School, Ryhope Junior School and Venerable Bede CofE Academy. I went to Rainbows and Brownies at St Cuthbert's Church right next to my Infant and Junior Schools and we helped out at the local care home opposite the Infant School. Me and my friends grew up with access to the King George Playing Fields where we could play football, go to the fair in the summer time, and now children play on the climbing frames closer to Rye View Road. We often went down to the beach, to Bluewatch youth club, the Ryhope Cricket Club play park, and we had many parties there and at the working men's clubs on Ryhope Road. We would go to the local post office and sweet shop on Ryhope Road after school. I remember Kwik Save and Netto well before the little Asda and Iceland were built opposite my Junior School. I am also a member of Southlands GP next to Ryhope Community Centre. I never went out in Grangetown or Hendon. I have no knowledge of anything there apart from the shops, takeaways and gym. Changing the boundary would be a big mistake that would create a large crack in the heart of the community of the Ryhope Ward.

I disagree with the proposal to group Hollycarrside with Grangetown and Hendon. This excludes half of the voting area M02, known as Hollycarrside, which includes Hollycarrside Road (my street), Hewitt Avenue, Lynthorpe and Orkney Drive amongst others. The boundary for the Ryhope Ward should be the Toll Bar Road, not Leechmere Way and Rye View Road.

People who live in Hollycarrside are intrinsically linked to Ryhope - not Grangetown and Hendon. To exclude this area from the Ryhope Ward would isolate many members of the community, many of whom are elderly or children who attend the local schools in the Ryhope Ward.

Hollycarrside shares community assets with the rest of the Ryhope Ward - including all I mentioned I have benefitted from myself as I have grown up here. If access to these features ends up being restricted due to changes in funding, this will completely disadvantage members of Hollycarrside and cut them off. Many generations grow up in Hollycarrside, as a child I had friends who's grandparents also lived in the area, and now as an adult I have friends staying and growing their own families now in the same area. People are sending their children to the schools and community centres they went to as a child, using the same bus routes and local amenities (even if there has been a couple of name changes over the years). It is completely unfair that children could be in the same classroom, but unable to access the same youth provisions in the Ryhope Ward, especially when the other option is oversubscribed and 3 miles away. If Hollycarrside is grouped with Grangetown and Hendon, we would simply be an add on, not at the forefront of their funding, and we are completely isolated on the other side of an industrial estate, making it more difficult to access their amenities, instead of simply crossing a field or driving up Rye View Road to the heart of Ryhope Village.

I urge you to reconsider the boundary changes, and put local people and their longstanding community at the heart of your decision making from now on. Whatever geopolitical reason is behind this boundary change, is not worth isolating a community of people from amenities they have had access to and a say over for generations.

Regards,



Attached Documents:

None attached