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The Review Officer, the Grange field ward has been in existence since 2005 during which time it has served its population very well, but now it would seem we are on the brink of a major political boundary change which will eliminate the ward in favour of Newtown which will do nothing to enhance or benefit the local community. Shuffling numbers around to average out the work load burden on our 56 councillors will cause untold upset to countless households by moving their properties, virtually, to the jurisdiction of other parties.

You do state on your website,

*'We also aim to ensure that the ward boundaries reflect the interests and identities of local communities'* and then you go on to class *'Community Identity'* as a benefit that will come with the new boundary changes by placing some areas into the Hartburn area but do not consider the areas that are currently identified with the Grange field area such as Sainsburys, the football complex, Bramley Green and especially Grange field Academy. All these belong to Grange field and could be kept within Grange field without stepping outside of your 10% band and are known by everyone as part of Grange field. We lose these and we lose a major part of our identity.

One of the relative recent improvements within Grange field is the Grange field park, an area which took a lot of thought, planning and work for the benefit of the local inhabitants. It comprises a pleasant walk through, either by riverside or paved pathway, and provides a children's play area, exercise structures and a contained basket-ball court. This is Grange field, not Newtown.

Regarding the Newham Grange and Grange field wards, you also state that the Conservative Group *'argued that this area is more associated with its neighbours in Newtown, and that the other electors in the existing Grange field ward also have more affinity with neighbouring wards'*. Popycock, can you imagine the effect that this would have on the Grange field house prices when being directly linked to Stockton town centre and Parkfield. We have more affinity with Fairfield and Hartburn and this relationship should not be eroded.

Yours Sincerely

