

## Durham County Council

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### Comment text:

I submit these comments on behalf of myself and my Blackhalls Division colleague Cllr Stacey Deinali. In considering the best outcomes of the boundary review for our people and their communities we would like to put forward an additional/alternative proposal to the one included in the Durham County Council Labour Group submission. Given the common cultural and social identities of both the current Blackhalls and Wingate Divisions of DCC, we believe the people and communities would be best served by the two Divisions merging. This would bring together the existing Blackhalls Division (with 2 members) and the existing single-member Wingate Division. In proposing this option we recognise that the residents and the settlements of Station Town and Hutton Henry - who traditionally identify with the nearby village of Wingate - would remain in the Blackhalls Ward with the added advantage of bringing together their traditional communities of interest. We propose that the new Blackhalls & Wingate Division would be a two-member ward consisting of all the settlements in the two existing Divisions. The requirement to meet the electoral ratio of voters to councillors in this proposal is satisfied.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded