

## Northumberland County Council

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### Comment text:

Dear Madam or Sir, I would like to contribute to the consultation for the boundary review for potential changes to the Northumberland County Council Councillor Boundaries please. I am a resident within Alnwick Boundary an Alnwick town councillor and a member of many Alnwick community groups. I offer my views based on this. I would like to object to the proposed new boundary structure which splits the Alnwick community into East and West divisions and propose that it stays the same as it currently is whereby two county councillors represent a larger, Alnwick, Denwick, Lesbury and Alnmouth ward. This larger ward represents communities which are connected geographically and socially- via community groups and access to amenities. Alnwick offers commerce, a library, leisure centre and sports facilities, and Alnmouth offers important access to the AONB of the Northumberland coast which is essential for health and wellbeing. Economically the larger ward is connected together via access to work in the town centre, the industrial estates and indeed essentially access to Alnmouth railway station. The latter is particularly important for National and International travel and work commuting. Travel between the communities is easily and quickly facilitated via the main Alnmouth road. It ought to be the case then that this larger ward also connects these communities together politically as is currently the case. There are many times when Alnwick town council has to consider elements outside the current boundary line such as access to Northumberland coast or Alnmouth railway station and the access point to do this is through our two county councillors who serve as a bridge to the different areas. The proposed two new divisions split Alnwick town unnecessarily and will confuse residents. Alnwick town centre will be unrepresented by one of the new county councillors when Alnwick town centre needs to be foremost in the attentions of both county councillors as an important place for work and commerce. The current system of a larger two councillor division works and is currently well understood. A large change in the boundaries will be unnecessarily confusing and is not well justified. I argue strongly that the existing boundary should remain the same and hope you will consider this.

### Uploaded Documents:

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