

# Northumberland

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**Related subject:** Brinkburn & Hesleyhurst Parish Council area

As a resident of Brinkburn parish I would like to record my strong objection to moving into the Longhorsley Division and ask that we are moved to the preferred Rothbury Division.

My husband and I have lived in Brinkburn parish for twenty years and have a child at the local Rothbury Middle School. Both of us have worked in Rothbury for over ten years and consider it our closest community where we both work and socialise. Our group of houses are the main hub of our parish, south of the Coquet our natural affiliation has always been towards Rothbury to our west, rather than Longframlington to our north, or Longhorsley to our south. Longhorsley is a village we travel through on the way to Morpeth for occasional shopping or further afield, not somewhere we would naturally stop, therefore we do not have any social connection to Longhorsley or the immediate area around it, rather we feel a stronger connection to Rothbury and we are already classified as part of the Coquet Valley.

Our daughter's nursery and educational experience to date has been in Rothbury where she has a strong network of friends both there and further up the Coquet Valley. Rothbury First and Middle Schools have given her an excellent education that we are extremely pleased with. It would be seriously detrimental to her to be moved into new school catchment areas during an important stage in her educational life and would impact any younger children who are about to start their own educational journey.

We belong to the Doctor's Surgery in Rothbury, support the varied shops, library and local events held each year. We receive the local Rothbury Parish news 'Over the Bridges' on a monthly basis and have always described ourselves as living 'near Rothbury' rather than from Longframlington as our postal address would suggest.

Our rural topography of lanes and fields is the same as Rothbury and the Coquet Valley and as such our needs are the same in regard to the upkeep of our roads and delivery of various Council services. The B6344 is our major transport road link that runs through our parish and along

the length of the Coquet Valley and it would be better looked after by a single Highways Division rather than being split within two Divisions (North and South), especially important during the winter with gritting.

The overall population of our parish is static (220 as at 2021, lower for eligible voters) due to the majority of land being farmed with minimal infrastructure and scope for development, therefore our being added to Rothbury Ward will cause little change to the overall size of voters within it.

We ask that rather than moving us to the Longhorsley Division where we have no historical affiliation or social link you move us to Rothbury Division to strengthen our link to an area where we are already a part of the community.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*