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Comment text:

I strongly object to the proposed boundary changes to take place within New Hartley.

Due to the fact that the village will be split between two boundaries we will have two Councillors who could have conflicting views on issues regarding our village and this could cause a split in our community.

I have lived here for over 45 years and am very proud of and enjoy village life here. We are a very close-knit community and are always there to help each other. To go ahead with these proposals will divide our thriving community spirit. We all embrace the history of our village which belongs to us all as an entire community e.g. the Hartley pit disaster (there are still families living in this village who lost relatives in this disaster), our beautiful memorial garden which belongs to and is enjoyed by everyone in our village, our community hall which runs lots of different sessions for our villagers, our churches and our school. These facilities belong to us all in the village and unite us all.

It is proposed that part of our village will come under Hartley Division (including Seaton Sluice) and part under New Delaval. We are currently served by Seaton Valley Council and we are very happy with the services and support they provide to our community as a whole.

We have no links at all with New Delaval. There are no transport links between us, our schools have different tier sections - New Delaval operating a two tier system and New Hartley coming under a three tier system. This in itself will cause confusion for some parents. Neither areas have any involvement with each other.

So I ask myself, do the proposals deliver?

Is there a parish council, community association or other group that represents the area - the answer is NO.

What issues would bind the community together or separate it from other parts of the area - the answer is NONE.

Are there any natural or constructed features which make strong boundaries for your proposals - NO.

Are there good links across proposed divisions e.g. public transport - NO.

It is therefore obvious to see that none of the proposals actually deliver!

To divide a very well run thriving village community in two will cause a huge divide to our close-knit community.

I propose that the boundaries are looked at again and that the village of New Hartley remains as one under the Hartley division and that the new boundary should not divide our village.

This is a village community and to have one part of the village in one boundary and the other part in another boundary is ludicrous and just does not make any sense at all.

Please do not destroy our very close-knit well run village and split our community.

Attached Documents:

None attached