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Related subject: Brinkburn and Hesleyhurst

The proposal to move our parish into the Longhorsley ward seems to be based purely on the issue of electoral numbers. Furthermore, this division was created using a virtual map, not an in person visit to the area.

However, our electorate is a rural community that is culturally, geographically, socially and politically part of the Coquet valley. All our links and relationships, facilities, transport, shops and medical provision is in Rothbury and our parish and community groups and initiatives are all in Coquetdale. Our parish council is part of the Coquetdale Neighbourhood plan and the Coquetdale Cluster group of parishes.

In your review summary you list six important aspects of community identity. For all six the parish of Brinkburn and Hesleyhurst demonstrates strong and historical ties to Rothbury and Coquetdale.

Your proposal would rip this community apart for the sake of a number tally, which, far from resulting in a more equitable representation, would place a rural community in with urban and town oriented parishes where our concerns will be less represented by busy councillors.

Attached Documents:

None attached