

Northumberland

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Comments of Anne Marie Trevelyan MP regarding proposed county council boundary changes in the Berwick Upon Tweed Parliamentary Constituency:

I have through the period of the consultation by the Boundary Commission been in regular contact with a number of my councillors and my local Northumberland Conservatives management team.

My feedback has been fed into the Northumberland Conservatives consultation response which I am in agreement with.

To emphasise some key points:

I am opposed to the concept of a 2 member ward for Alnwick. This is the only place where such an arrangement exists and it creates a disparity for residents. That two councillors has to cover an area of twice the number of electors is completely unnecessary. The Northumberland Conservatives proposal allows for a perfectly logical two ward solution for Alnwick that removes this anomaly. It also allows for the creation of a coastal division encompassing Lesbury, Alnmouth on up to Craster and Newton by the Sea which is more logical than the current arrangement or the proposals of the Boundary Commission.

The proposals of the commission look very logical in many parts of the constituency. I am in favour for example of the proposals to leave Berwick East, Berwick North, Berwick West with Ord and Norham & Islandshire Divisions unchanged.

Looking at the changes for Shilbottle, Amble, Druridge Bay and Lynemouth these all seem sensible and necessary given the increasing population in these Divisions.

ENDS.

Attached Documents:

None attached