

# Northumberland

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Cramlington Overall

The Town Council would propose that the Commission look again at the projections for Village ward, taking particular account of the absence of any remaining sites for future housing development and the changing demographic structure of the town. There is no question that the population of the town will increase significantly to 2028, but the rate of housebuilding would appear optimistic in the current climate. There are also clear anomalies as regards the location of future housebuilding outside the southwest sector of the town.

The statement made in the draft proposal suggesting the Town Council did not propose any changes to the Village ward is incorrect. Our proposal includes the transfer of Station Road, Osborne Terrace, and Sunnyside to the proposed Northwest division. This would allow Barns Park to remain as part of Village ward. It is also proposed to take the small Arcot Grange development adjacent to Barns Park into Village ward.

There are established community ties which support the retention of Barns Park as part of Village ward and concerns have already been voiced by constituents of Barns Park. Moreover, the dual carriageway between Barns Park and the existing Southeast ward constitutes a significant barrier to the integration of these communities.

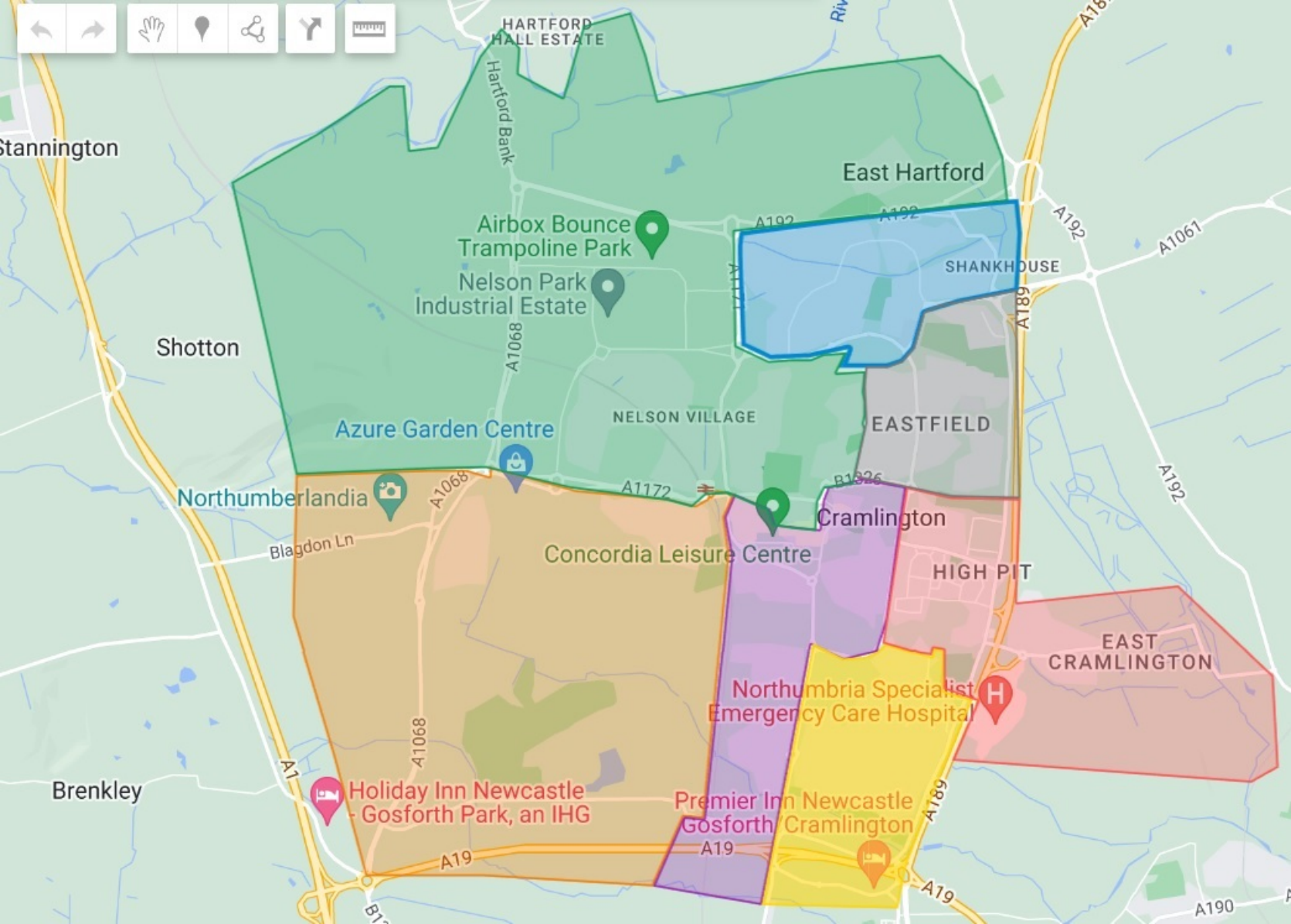
The Town Council is concerned that the County Council's proposals could be perceived to be driven by factors other than electoral equality and community.

In consideration of the above, the Town Council would ask the Commission to look again at its proposal for 7 electoral divisions with particular reference to the retention of Barns Park as part of Village ward.

The Council would also point out that each ward is currently represented by 2 Town Councillors and 1 County Councillor. To maintain consistency with the current ward compositions and ensure constituents have sufficient representation it is necessary to have two Town Councillors, although the Commission's proposals have suggested that only one would suffice.

## **Attached Documents:**

- 7 wards.jpg



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Brenkley

HARTFORD  
HALL ESTATE

East Hartford

Airbox Bounce  
Trampoline Park

Nelson Park  
Industrial Estate

SHANKHOUSE

Azure Garden Centre

NELSON VILLAGE

EASTFIELD

Concordia Leisure Centre

Cramlington

HIGH PIT

EAST  
CRAMLINGTON

Northumbria Specialist  
Emergency Care Hospital

Holiday Inn Newcastle  
- Gosforth Park, an IHG

Premier Inn Newcastle  
Gosforth/Cramlington