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Sunderland Ward Boundary Review

Submission by Houghton and Sunderland South

Houghton and Sunderland South Constituency Labour Party welcome the decision of the Boundary Commission to provide a short extension to the deadline for this initial public consultation stage on the linkage of communities within the city boundaries that make up the 25 current wards and their proposed revision.

In making our submission we have taken the knowledge from our Councillors, wider party membership, as well as our local residents with a view to help ensure that there is minimum disruption to existing communities. In doing so we have adhered to some key criteria in coming to our conclusions as follows:

Criteria 1

We believe that it is essential to ensure that revised ward boundaries are co-terminus with the new parliamentary boundaries now in place that will impact on Sunderland as a whole and our constituency, as referenced below:

- Washington and Gateshead East
- Houghton and Sunderland South
- Sunderland Central

Due to this being our overriding priority, we believe the commission should take each parliamentary boundary in turn to show how, in our opinion, we can ensure that residents in each of the 25 wards will have both a consistent set of Councillors but also their member of Parliament.

Our detailed assessment within this submission will show how this can be achieved within our own revised constituency boundaries.

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We note the number of electors proposed by the commission for their key target date of 2029 and, considering there is no proposal to remove the existing 3 councillors for each ward, that the average number of electors as set by the commission for the

revised 25 wards will be 8847 within 10% tolerance levels of 7963 (Min) and 9731 (max).

Looking at existing ward boundaries within our constituency we have therefore looked to ensure a minimum disruption to current community boundaries except:

- a. Where there is a requirement to amend community boundaries to meet minimum/maximum thresholds set by the commission,
- b. Where there is a need to right any anomaly that may have arisen from the previous review,
- c. Where a change relates to a direct request from residents to move community boundaries,

Please therefore find enclosed below our submission to the Commission for consideration on community boundaries within the City of Sunderland, specifically relating to those wards within the new Houghton and Sunderland South Constituency excluding what is known as the Coalfields as these are being submitted separately.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Phil Tye
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Houghton and Sunderland South Proposals

The current review will impact on the following wards within the boundary of the new parliamentary constituency of Houghton and Sunderland South:

- Doxford
- Sandhill
- Silksworth
- St Chads

Due to the complexities of the Coalfields areas of the City, each ward having up to 26% over in the 2029 projections and no ward below 10% we can only propose a further Ward within this area to be calculated and absorbed by the removal of a Ward from Sunderland Central.

- Houghton
- Hetton
- Shiney Row
- Copt Hill
- A new additional ward (A Ward to populate from all the above)

The boundary commission could consider some additional work with the addition of St Annes Ward into the Houghton and Sunderland South constituency boundaries. A reworked ward proposal to include St Annes, to Houghton and Sunderland South and they leaving Pallion and Barnes Wards and the removal of Millfield Ward in Sunderland Central Constituency could work both mathematically and within existing natural communities but would require some further work, this would then free up the capacity for the additional ward required for the Coalfield's.

Silksworth Ward (T01 – T05)

We propose Silksworth T01 transfers completely to St Chads Ward. This area would be a new area covered by St Chads however it is known to residents as Farringdon – buildings in the area known as Farringdon police station, Farringdon McDonalds and would naturally follow the boundaries of Farringdon and the Ward. We would also propose that Silksworth Ward extends its boundaries taking in:

Doxford Ward D05

But excluding the below streets which would remain in Doxford Ward and would allow Ward boundaries to remain co-terminus:

- Ainthorpe Close
- Flyingdale Drive
- Lidcombe Close
- Goathland Drive

- Runswick Close
- Houlskye Close
- Merryweather Rise
- Hawsker Close
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This again would restore parts of Doxford Ward into Silksworth Ward where it was previously on the last boundary review, where residents still believe they are in Silksworth. It follows the natural boundaries of the ward and takes in the secondary school within the area where a high majority of Silksworth young people attend. This will cause less disruption to what is currently caused by the residents who believe they are in Silksworth Ward.

Doxford Ward – D01 – D05

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Conclusion

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Hi Paul

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Big thank you for the extension to the deadline as its allowed us to complete our proposals as we were struggling somewhat.

Best wishes

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