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Dear Sir/Madam,

I agree with the submission from Shincliffe Parish Council, for the reasons they have given. The assertion in the draft recommendations that "...Shincliffe parish is distinct from the city centre. ...the parish would fit more appropriately in our Bowburn & Coxhoe division" is in my view mistaken.

Shincliffe links more closely with Durham City than with villages like Bowburn and Coxhoe and should therefore be included in a city centre county council division. Shincliffe Village is less than half a mile from the urban City of Durham, with only East Durham College and Maiden Castle separating them. Shincliffe is in the DH1 postal district, along with Durham City. The other villages in the proposed Bowburn & Coxhoe division are in the DH6 postal district. Shincliffe residents look mainly to Durham City for things such as GP appointments, work and shopping.

In addition St Mary's Church in Shincliffe shares a vicar with St Oswald's CE in Elvet. Whilst it is true that Shincliffe shares a bus route with Bowburn and

Coxhoe, this is essentially a bus route into Durham for work and leisure. There are few buses operating nowadays in any case.

Most crucially, the Boundary Commission for England is proposing that Shincliffe be included in the City of Durham Constituency, whilst the rest of the proposed Bowburn & Coxhoe Division would be in the Newton Aycliffe & Spennymoor Constituency. In my view it is not sensible for county council divisions to cross constituency boundaries.

My "second choice" would be to support the submission from Cllr David Freeman, for the reasons he has given.

Best regards,

Attached Documents:

None attached