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Dear Boundary Commission Team

RE: West Auckland Electoral Division, Durham County Council.

Our school community wish to express strong concerns about your proposals for the three-seat Evenwood and Cockfield Ward as it is considered far too large an area with too many towns and villages to cover effectively; West Auckland and the surrounding villages have diverse needs and reduction to a one-seat ward here would spread the already stretched resource even thinner, making it very difficult for anyone tasked with such a remit to provide effective County Council representation and support to the areas effectively.

Our communities are better served by two local elected County Councillors who know and understand the needs, problems and ambitions of our area.

Our local county councillors have worked hard for many years and built up really good working relationships and mutual respect with various groups and organisations in the area including us as a school community.

The strength of this network would be lost with your proposal and the support to serve such a complex electorate with pockets of deprivation would be diminished.

A counter proposal for a two-seat West Auckland Ward keeps local communities together and fits better with the existing arrangements. As a school community strongly support the proposal to maintain a two-seat West Auckland Electoral Division.

Please accept this letter in support of the proposed **two-seat West Auckland Ward**.

Yours faithfully

Wendy Gill
Headteacher

Jennifer Tremewan
Chair of Governing Body



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