

# County Durham

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**Related subject:** Teesdale/Staindrop

I disagree with the proposal to include the rural parishes of Raby with Keverstone, Staindrop, Ingleton, Headlam, Hilton, Wackerfield, Bolam and Langton into the Evenwood Ward. This shows a complete lack of understanding of the nature of these areas. The afore mentioned parishes have a longstanding rural and agricultural heritage whereas the Evenwood Ward's make up is essentially that of coal mining villages and the urban outskirts of Bishop Auckland. Consequently the needs and aspirations of the two are poles apart and the idea of "lumping them together" is ridiculous in practice although it might look good on a map and to balance numbers. In my opinion rural needs tend to get pushed aside by the different needs of the more urban communities and this proposal would add to our difficulties. We have nothing in common with the Gaunless Valley and Wear Valley. Please show some sense.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*