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RE; Teesdale & Weardale electoral arrangement

To the members of the Local Government Boundary Commission

I am writing to object to the changes to the electoral boundary's and to ask for clarification regarding the division of Teesdale & Weardale.

As you can see from our address, we live in the pretty village of Ingleton in the district of Teesdale. By changing the name of our district from Teesdale to Weardale, this will have a significant impact on the value of properties within our village. I note from your proposal, that the name Teesdale has been eliminated completely. Why is this?

Whilst we fully understand your objective to reduce the number of councillors and balance the representation for each ward, we do not believe that these changes reflect the interests of our community and they certainly have a negative impact on the identity of many villages that currently lay within Teesdale. You state that you are trying to avoid this but the actions of this proposal will have the counter effect.

We are also very concerned that although you have 'Not been persuaded' by the Labour Group's input, there is very little evidence within your report to outline who's input you have considered, other than your own view. Therefore, these decisions have been made as a result of this limited feedback.

In conclusion, we would like to know what has happened to Teesdale and why are you forcing our community to live in Weardale, which is against our wishes. Please feel free to contact us to reassure us that these changes will not negatively affect the value of our properties.

