

I do not support the Boundary Change proposals for the Leadgate/Medomsley Division for the following reason.

- The current Leadgate and Medomsley Division is rural based with limited transport links. Many electors prefer to maintain their rural relationships having no direct correlation with the expanding urban conurbation and not wanting to be co-joined to the Town of Consett.

**We support an alternative proposal**

- The current division of Leadgate/Medomsley is amalgamated in entirety with the current Burnopfield/Dipton division to create a 3 Councillor Division entirely rural based with a cumulative electorate of circa 13000.
- The amalgamated division should be named as **The Derwent and Pont Valley Division**, therefore no one village has predominance over the other villages across the new division, reflecting the complete rurality of the whole area.

