

# County Durham

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## Comment text:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Having perused your initial proposals for the County Durham boundary review, I am supportive of the proposals for where I live. The main area where I feel there could be some minor alterations that would make for more effective local governance are in the Consett area.

To set the scene, I was born in Delves Lane. I later went to Moorside Comprehensive School. I lived in Moorside, Consett and Delves Lane for many years before finally moving to where I am now.

Consett is not one big community. It is several smaller, distinct communities. The villages all have their own character and history. For that reason, the town centre should be its own single member ward.

I read your comments on the new Delves Lane and Consett South ward. I prefer the counterproposal made by the Derwentside Independents, Liberal Democrats and Greens. Delves Lane and Templetown have always had a connection. Castleside, Moorside and The Grove have similarly always shared a connection. It would make sense to have two separate wards to reflect those distinct communities. TThe Fawcett Park area and Templetown are well connected and have similar style housing, hence the argument for those being in the same ward. There is a gap between Fawcett Park and The Grove. That makes a distinct, natrual dividing line between the two proposed wards. Moreover, the villages of Castleside, Moorside and The Grove all fall along the end of the A692 trunk road, and are well connected by bus services, unlike those areas and Delves or Templetown. Finally, there is no connection between Castleside and Lanchester, so I support your move to merge Healeyfield (almost entirely

Castleside in terms of population) in with Consett South rather than the Lanchester ward. The Conservative proposal to put Moorside in with Lanchester is laughable for the same reason as Castleside being in with Lanchester: they have little in common in any respect and are also very poorly connected by car or bus.

Leagate and Medomsley have a similar feel to them, both being rural villages. It would be good to retain that area as a single member ward. I would not support them being in a Consett town centre ward, as there is an incongruence between the character of those areas. There is an argument that Medomsley doesn't feel much a part of Consett at all given its remoteness from the town.

Thank you very much for your time.

Yours faithfully,



## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*