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Good afternoon,

I would like to give some feedback about the Delves Lane and Consett South electoral divisions in your boundary review. I previously lived in Knitsley in Delves Lane for my teenage years and early 20s. I contested the 2021 local election in that ward, whereas my brother contested and won in Consett South. I feel that as a result of this I know that the issues in these areas are markedly different. As such, I think going with the sub-division of these areas so that Delves Lane, Templetown and Genesis Way are in one division and Moorside/The Grove/Healyfield in their own ward.

Delves Lane is a very distinct community, with issues faced there similar in Crookhall. Templetown now largely resembles the housing in Fawcett Park on Genesis Way, so this is a clear boundary with The Grove. All of these areas use predominantly use Consett Medical Centre for their healthcare. Moorside has its own surgery. Because Delves Lane/Crookhall/Templetown/Fawcett Park are better connected in terms of transport with Consett town centre, they make much greater use of the amenities there than people in Moorside/The Grove/Castleside who have their own shops and food outlets that they make use of. Delves Lane and Crookhall have their own community centres which is the focus point of their communities. By contrast, people in Moorside/The Grove/Castleside have St John's Church Hall as there's.

There are a plethora of reasons why these wards should be kept apart, and I hope that you go with that plan in your revised proposals.

Attached Documents:

None attached