

County Durham

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Comment text:

Dear LGBCE,

My name is [REDACTED]. I live at [REDACTED], Moorside, Consett, County Durham, [REDACTED]. I have lived there for 12 years. I would like to offer an opinion on the proposed boundary changes to the Consett South ward. In brief, I cannot offer support for the merger of this area with Delves Lane. I think the idea of a separate Healyfield, Moorside and The Grove ward is the best way forward for all areas concerned, as those communities have a common identity, with little in common with Delves Lane, Templetown etc.

As an example of this, although I live in Moorside, all of my children went or go to Castleside Primary School instead of Moorside. As another, we do a lot of our shopping on Derby Drive, rarely going into Consett and never going to Delves Lane as there is enough for us on our doorstep and we lack our own car. We don't drink much, but if we were to go for a quick pint or two we would generally stay local by going to the Horse and Groom, or venture a bit further to The Fleece. Again, there is enough to do around here for what we need. There is the odd event at The Grove Club or Castleside Club that we might go to. Also, the community centre at St John's Church Hall is well used and serves as a natural hub for all three villages.

I request that you go with the plan to sub-divide Healyfield, Moorside and The Grove into its own ward to take account of all of the above they have in common, and because the area does not lean on Delves Lane or Templetown etc for its identity whatsoever. We also have little in common in terms of demographic or facilities with Genesis Way's new housing. I know there is a community room at Tesco which would be their equivalent for events etc that we use St John's Church Hall for, although I can't comment on whether that is well used compared to our Church

Hall.

Attached Documents:

None attached