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Following is some feedback on the new boundary proposals for the Consett area.

Consett, Leadgate and Medomsley: I live in Consett town centre and believe that the town centre should be a central Consett ward to reflect its detachment from the villages around it that might be part of the wider Consett area but have their own distinct characters.

Leadgate has always had its own community and history. Retaining a Leadgate and Medomsley division that is single member would better reflect the interests of those communities. Many people I know there rarely venture into the town centre. Also, there is a bigger gap between Leadgate and central Consett than, for example, Delves Lane or Blackhill and Consett. This gap is a buffer that separates Leadgate from Consett and makes it more of a distinct community. Parts of Leadgate are more rural like Medomsley, and so a ward encompassing these two villages alone is a sensible counterproposal.

Consett South: I went to Moorside Comprehensive School as a child and it was always felt that Moorside, The Grove and Castleside were their own distinct community. For that reason I suggest you go with your counterproposal of having this as a single member ward and Delves Lane as a two member ward. Shoving the Fawcett Park estate in with Delves Lane is also sensible as it merges into Templetown and has the same style of housing. Similar to Leadgate, there is a gap between The Grove and central Consett, further making The Grove, Moorside and Castleside a distinct community in its own right, with a buffer between it and the new housing and the town centre.

Benfieldside: I support your initial proposals.

Lanchester: I support your proposals. This should never have had Castleside in it, which has always been part of Consett not rural Lanchester. I understand that splitting a parish up is not ideal, and so including all of Healeyfield in a Consett South ward is quite sensible, giving other than Castleside it is mainly farms.

Best wishes,

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Attached Documents:

None attached