

# Sunderland

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Sandhill

As councillor for Sandhill Ward in Sunderland I wish to support the LGBCE's proposals for the Grindon and Thorney Close area.

I am asking for a change in the name of the proposed ward from 'Sandhill' to 'Grindon and Thorney Close'. There is no such place as 'sandhill' which makes it hard for people to find out which ward they live in or who their councillors are.

I support the Commission's proposal because:

It represents coherent communities, keeping the four areas of Grindon, Springwell, Hastings Hill and Thorney Close intact and adhering to locally respected boundaries, including Chester Road, Durham Road and the boundaries between Springwell Estate and Barnes Park and between Thorney Close and East Herrington.

There is improvement on the current arrangements where parts of Springwell and Grindon are in the St Annes and Barnes Wards. I believe the Commission's proposal will lead to more effective representation and decision making with all of these areas included in one ward for the first time.

The four estates share community facilities, schools, community centres, medical facilities and all have the extension park and Grindon sandhills as a focal point at the heart of the community.

The proposed ward also benefits from excellent public transport and active travel links from one side to the other.

I urge the Commission to retain its proposed boundaries in this area, and to change its name to Grindon and Thorney Close Ward.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*