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Related subject: Doxford Ward

Dear Sirs,

I am writing as a current councillor for Doxford Ward on Sunderland City Council. I support the commissions city wide proposals as they strike a good balance between electoral equality, identifiable boundaries and community cohesion. However, I want to suggest minor amendments in the boundary between Doxford and Silksworth wards that better reflect communities and so secure more effective local government.

Firstly, I believe that the terraced streets south of Silksworth Road and the streets to the left of Burdon Road (Cherrywood, Shoreswood and Redwood) are an integral part of the Silksworth community. Their residents look towards Silksworth village centre for shopping, pubs and services such as Silksworth Youth and Community Centre. As part of the Silksworth community they should be in the Silksworth and Farringdon Ward instead of the Doxford Park Ward. This amendment would ensure that the entire Silksworth community is one electoral ward and not two.

Secondly, I request that the Commission respects the natural settlement gap between Silksworth and Doxford Park that runs north of Woburn Drive and Ruswarp Drive.

Thirdly, it makes sense for the eastern boundary between Doxford Park Ward and Ryhope Ward to follow the newly built "Rotary Way" that provides a clearly identifiable boundary between these two communities,

Finally, I support changing the name of the proposed ward from Doxford to Doxford Park. The reason is that Doxford Park is the name of the area of housing in this community and therefore better understood when local people try to identify their ward councillors and which ward they live in.

Thanking you for your time and consideration in examining these amendments,

Attached Documents:

None attached