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Related subject: Shiney Row Ward

I would like to make the following submission regarding the current Shiney Row ward (proposed Penshaw and Shiney Row ward). I am making the submission on behalf of the Shiney Row Branch Labour Party. I am the branch secretary. I am making the submission by email because the webpage would not accept my email address, which was very frustrating

New Herrington and West Herrington are an integral part of the communities of the Shiney Row ward. The former mining communities of New and West Herrington have very little in common with East and Middle Herrington which, as part of the old Borough of Sunderland has a more urban identity. Furthermore the two areas are physically separated by almost a mile of swathes of farming and green open space on both sides of the B1286. The major road A19 also separates the areas and former boundary changes have always taken this into account, probably with good reason. The only transport link between the two areas is the B road, B1286

Herrington Country Park is a large area of land reclaimed from the former Herrington Colliery. Its boundaries are shared by Penshaw, New Herrington and West Herrington. It is overlooked by the iconic Penshaw Hill and Monument and the green open spaces compliment each other. Although the name of the park reflects the New Herrington colliery the main vehicle entrance is in Penshaw. The park is a community hub and is seen as 'belonging' to Penshaw, New Herrington, West Herrington and Shiney Row. During its development the three communities were consultees for what the park should look like and what facilities it should offer. This is a clearly identifiable area enjoyed by the shared communities of Penshaw, New and West Herrington and Shiney Row. Conversations with local people living in New and West Herrington suggest a sense of dismay that they could potentially belong to a ward in which they have little in common

We ask that the Commissioner seriously considers leaving the areas of New and West Herrington in the same ward as the villages of Penshaw and Shiney Row

Elba Park is a large new housing estate located in the current Houghton ward with a large park, reclaimed from the old Lambton Cokeworks site. The whole area identifies with the areas of Fence Houses, Houghton, and Bournmoor (the village of Bournmoor is within the County Durham area) Established housing to the west of Golf Course Road is in close proximity to Elba Park housing estate and in many cases residents still identify with their former County Durham location

Using Golf Course Road as a boundary we ask that Elba Park housing estate and park remains in Houghton and houses west of Golf Course Road (Lambton Lea, Briar Close, Oaklea, Bowes Lea) and The Fairways Estate also move into Houghton. This area was previously within the County Durham boundary

The proposal to move houses north of Success Road into the proposed Penshaw and Shiney Row would separate the distinct area of Success. The entire area of Success was within the current Shiney Row ward prior to the previous boundary review and was moved into the current Copt Hill ward. This made absolute sense at the time as the area of Success was separated from the rest of Shiney Row ward by a large area of green space with the water way of Herrington Burn running through it

We ask that the whole area of Success remains together within a Houghton ward.

Our proposals for Elba Park, West of Golf Course Road and Success would enable New and West Herrington to remain in the proposed Penshaw and Shiney Row ward. The Local Plan suggests that no further development is planned within the ward, ensuring the population will not increase significantly

We would be grateful if you would give our proposals your most serious consideration

Attached Documents:

None attached