

# Sunderland

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## Comment text:

I am writing in relation to the LGBCE review of warding arrangements in Sunderland.

I am a regular visitor to Sunderland for work purposes, for leisure and to see family and friends. I wanted to comment on the proposals for the city.

I think the Commission's proposals strike the right balance and represent coherent communities.

With reference to Section 60 of the Commission's report, I believe that Chester Road east of the A19 provides a hard boundary. The dual carriageway between the A19 and the Grindon Mill definitely separates communities in this part of the city and should be respected as a ward boundary between the Pennywell and South Hylton areas to the North, and the Grindon and Hastings Hill areas to the South. It is difficult to cross and is an understandable and locally respected border that should be retained as a ward boundary.

I agree with the proposals for Sandhill Ward which improve on the current arrangements by including all of Springwell Estate and including the Broadway Estate, Glenleigh Drive and Broadstairs Court with the rest of Grindon. All of these areas share local shops, schools, community groups and green spaces like the extension park, Sandhill View Academy and Grindon Young People's Centre. I would like to see the ward name changed to include actual place names instead of 'Sandhill'. Grindon and Thorney Close Ward would be my preference.

I regularly visit friends on Felixstowe Road, Ford Estate and am concerned that this part of Ford is being separated from the rest of the area. I believe that the Commission should follow a similar boundary to the present one between Pallion and St Anne's Wards - but improve it by making

sure all Pennywell streets that start with P are included together in a ward, and all Ford Estate streets beginning with an F (as well as Gatton Close, Sapphire Close, St Lukes Road and Phoenix Road which are new builds but very much part of Ford) remain with the Pallion and Ford Estate.

This would ensure that coherent, cohesive communities are represented by one set of councillors, instead of having Ford Estate represented by 2 sets of councillors. All parts of Ford share facilities like Blackie Park, Highfield Academy, Hylton Road playing fields and Lambton Street Youth Group. It would provide for more effective local government if issues and funding for these facilities were directed by one set of ward councillors rather than two.

For similar reasons, I believe that the nearby Hylton Lane Estate should also be included in one ward rather than split down Holborn Road, and the small part of High Barnes south of Hylton Lane Estate should be included with Barnes and Thornhill Ward, as all those houses are of a similar type and tenure and share facilities like the Wavendon pub and adjacent shops, and the Broadway Community Centre which are on the other side of Chester Road.

Thanks and best wishes,

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## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*