

# Sunderland

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## Comment text:

I am writing as a private individual living at [REDACTED] Thornhill, Sunderland, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]).

I wish to make representations about the Commission's proposals in the Thornhill and Ashbrooke areas where I live.

I agree with the Commission's proposal to place the Thornhill and Barnes areas together in one ward. These are neighbouring areas that share similar housing types and tenures, together with shared amenities like Chester Road shops, the mineral line cycle path running through the middle of the area, Barnes Park, the park around the University city centre campus, University Metro station, Burn Park and pubs like The Barnes and The Stumble Inn.

However, I believe that the streets that are in Ashbrooke but which are included in the Barnes and Thornhill Ward proposals would be better suited to being in the Tunstall and Humbledon Ward.

The streets that are part of Ashbrooke (rather than Thornhill or Barnes) are: Alexandra Park, Tunstall Park, Belle Vue Crescent, Belle Vue Road, Belle Vue Drive, Holmlands Park, Belle Vue Gardens, Brookside Terrace, Brookside Gardens, Thornhill Gardens, Thornhill Park. By contrast, it is commonly understood that the streets north of Thornholme Road and south of the former railway line (now a cycle path) are the area known as 'Thornhill'.

These streets named above share community links and facilities with the rest of Ashbrooke. These include The Rosedene public house, Backhouse Park, Ashbrooke Cricket Club and Sports Complex, and churches such as St Timothy's, St John's and St George's URC (and their associated church halls, youth groups, Scouts and Guides etc.).

The streets I have mentioned are also separated from the bulk of the ward in the Barnes and Thornhill area by the school grounds of Thornhill Academy, Barbara Priestman School and St Mary's RC Primary School. These school grounds present a large physical barrier that cannot be crossed, meaning a de-tour to be able to get to and from the Barnes area or facilities like Chester Road shops, Burn Park, University Metro station etc.

I therefore urge the Commission to keep all parts of Ashbrooke on either side of Tunstall Road and Queen Alexandra Road together in the Tunstall and Humbledon Ward to ensure Ashbrooke is represented coherently in one ward and by one set of councillors.

I believe that this can be done at the same time as ensuring that both the Barnes and Thornhill Ward and Tunstall and Humbledon Ward remain in quota.

Best wishes,



## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*