

# Kirklees

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**Related subject:** Holme Valley North ward

Splitting Netherthong in two will not help the residents nor the ward councillors. Whilst there is always boundary overlaps and issues, splitting a large village in this way will cause confusion and wasted effort, the little benefit is outweighed by the impact and I wonder what detailed engagement has taken place with the residents who will be affected by these proposals because I am not aware of any. I would suggest that this ward change is dropped.

The costs of making minor tweaks is not worth the cost for the additional elections. It seems that rather than listening to residents who want radical change the commission has just adopted the Conservative group proposals without realising that there is no public support for them.

Whilst the proposals seek to balance resident numbers between wards, this doesn't take into effect the impact of the wider geography in the rural wards. The ability to engage, communicate and meet with residents is much harder within rural wards due to the distances.

Thanks,

Charles

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*