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Related subject: North and South Jesmond

The Commission's presentation of evidence for this review is disappointingly poor, it is almost impossible to work out what the population stats actually mean. The map is so clumsy that it's not really clear where the boundaries actually are. It's almost unfair to ask for comments at this stage.

I am concerned that the ward boundaries may be drawn on the basis of the number of registered electors, rather than the number of households. This factor especially affects Jesmond where a significant proportion of households are students who may or may not register to vote at their term time address. The volume of students leaves us with a higher number of adults and a considerably higher number of issues such as sanit-social behaviour, disrepair and waste management. It would not be reasonable to lower the number of councillors across the North and South Jesmond wards as this is a troubled area of the city which needs good representation.

In relation to the physical boundary, the A1058 Jesmond Road is a natural barrier between North and South Jesmond, and it would make sense that all streets north of the A1058 be in the North Jesmond Ward - this is not currently the case.

Attached Documents:

None attached