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Related subject: Barmoor moving from Ryton to Crawcrook

Firstly I would like to register my disappointment that local residents were not made aware of the consultation on these proposed changes.

In respect of the changes that have been recommended I appreciate that some residents will have to be moved out of the Ryton ward to remain within the 10% required, however I disagree that the community to be moved should be Barmoor.

While Barmoor sits between Ryton and Crawcrook, the community ties are to Ryton alone. I don't access any services in Crawcrook, but I am in Ryton every day. Additionally there is a green belt of land between Barmoor and Crawcrook which intentionally keeps the two communities separate.

I access the GP, the pub, post office, supermarket, beauty salons and hair dresser in Ryton. I walk in Ryton every day and consider myself to be part of that community. I have no ties to Crawcrook whatsoever.

Additionally, the proposed changes would involve splitting Barmoor - a very tightly-knit community which has historically (since mid-late 1800s) been part of Ryton. This does not feel satisfactory or appropriate.

Finally, I would highlight that moving the Stella Hall estate into Blaydon would be a better solution as it is further from Ryton than Barmoor is, and is a newer estate with less historic ties to Ryton.

I appreciate that numbers need to change, but you highlight that the impact on communities is also a key consideration, and the residents of Barmoor are most upset and angry and these proposed changes and I feel these voices need to be heard

Attached Documents:

None attached