Gateshead

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Comment text:

Related subject: Ryton

I live in Barmoor, which is in Ryton.
Barmoor is at the edge of Ryton, and there is no gap between the two.
All of Ryton is clearly separated from Crawcrook and the Crawcrook ward by a natural boundary of green belt land.
There is a distinctive gap between Ryton and Crawcrook.
For Barmoor to be part of Crawcrook it would have to "jump" over this green belt boundary. It can be seen from the proposed map how much the ward boundary would be stretched to reach over and encircle Barmoor. This is not a natural boundary line.
My community ties are with Ryton and I do not have a connection to Crawcrook. The ward of Crawcrook is more rural than Ryton and it also includes Greenside, which is somewhere which I have never even visited.
The proposal to move the Barmoor residents into the Crawcrook and Greenside was not made known to us and has caused quite a lot of upset. I can see that there is an attempt to even out the numbers, but with new houses being built in both wards it would not be long before the numbers were uneven again.
Someone has suggested that the newest housing development near Greenside, which is still not fully occupied or finished, be moved into Crawcrook and Greenside ward instead. This would make a lot more sense.
My local identity is with Ryton, and it is where I shop and spend time with friends. People in Barmoor send their children to Ryton schools.
I would be best served by a Ryton councillor who represents properties on our Ryton side of the border and the services that we use. Crawcrook councillors campaign for issues that do not affect me, but I can relate to Ryton issues.
This proposal does not reflect the community here in Barmoor, and I object to it. I request that this proposal does not go forward.

Attached Documents:

None attached