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Firstly, I find it appalling that the boundary changes concerning Barmoor, Ryton were never discussed with the residents. We are a lovely community in Barmoor that has a very strong identity to Ryton.

Changing the boundary to Crawcrook would be soul destroying for our neighborhood - we are heavily involved in so much volunteering and activities in Ryton this would not be fair for our community. We have young children going to Ryton school, we are members of Ryton rugby club, we are members of Ryton cricket club, we have supported and invested in our Ryton community pub, we attend Ryton church, we look after Ryton in Bloom, WE ARE RYTON! ... This is OUR community!!!

We might be a good fit in terms of numbers but this is not numbers we are talking out - we are residents of Ryton ... actually we have generations of our family living here, we have strong bonds in Ryton we love living in this area of Ryton and these changes would be devastating. Miners who worked at the RYTON pit lived here, we share stories of the history of Ryton, we love living in Ryton, we have so much invested in our community that is Ryton. How is it it right to increase population size with new estates (in greenbelts, which is shocking!) and then push out the older residents, who have clearly got more attachments and identities to the area.

Personally, Stella riverside should be in Blaydon, numbers might not fit as do Barmoor but geographically this is a fit.

Other option to change name of ward? why not have Ryton East and Ryton West? Surely this makes more sense than tell a community of Ryton

they are no longer in Ryton and now belong to crawcrook? Though its really not the right thing to do to change the boundary.

We have a lovely community and I would ask you to visit and talk to these residents and find out what a strong community we are, which in current times and new estates popping up, is extremely rare. We should be listening to the people and encouraging communities like ours and not destroying them!

Very disappointing that the councillors did not share any of this with the local residents many months ago. So now, we have a lot of angry, sad, and shocked residents who may be last minute with their views but do hope they are listened too.

Thank you for reading.

Attached Documents:

None attached